

November-December 2009

## NOTES ON THE WAY Butler District Newsletter

### **WPA Conference United Methodist Church**

#### **Mission:**

To provide leadership, connection, and resources to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

#### **Vision:**

To ignite and sustain a passionate, spiritual connection with Christ among all people in Western Pa.

#### **Core Value:**

We love the Lord our God with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength and our neighbors as ourselves. This value is commanded by Jesus, inspired by our Wesleyan heritage including spreading scriptural holiness over the land, and witnessed through our integrity, accountability and inclusiveness.

#### **Helpful Website Links**

Butler District Website  
[www.butlerdistrictumc.org](http://www.butlerdistrictumc.org)  
WPA Website  
[www.wpaumc.org](http://www.wpaumc.org)  
Find a Form  
[www.umcdistricts.org](http://www.umcdistricts.org)  
Online Reports  
[www.umdata.com](http://www.umdata.com)  
Denomination site  
[www.Umc.org](http://www.Umc.org)  
Others:  
[www.gbhem.org](http://www.gbhem.org)  
[www.qcfa.org](http://www.qcfa.org)  
[www.cokesbury.com](http://www.cokesbury.com)  
[www.umfoundation.org](http://www.umfoundation.org)  
[www.keystoneumfcu.org](http://www.keystoneumfcu.org)  
[www.ignitingministry.org](http://www.ignitingministry.org)  
[www.rethinkchurch.org](http://www.rethinkchurch.org)

### **Thanksgiving Food for Thought...**

It is hard to build a decent national buying spree around a holiday that focuses on gratitude, and - by implication - humility. So we go from Halloween merchandising straight to the Christmas frenzy. Our loss.

For more joy, try adding an attentive gratitude to your daily diet.

Or, as G. K. Chesterton put it in a short poem:

*Here dies another day  
During which I have had eyes, ears, hands  
And the great world round me;  
And with tomorrow begins another.  
Why am I allowed two?*

May our days be more joy-filled as we practice gratitude!

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### **A note from Dean**

**St. Paul wrote: *Let those who lead, do so with diligence...*** (Romans 12:8b)

My Friends, we have an Episcopal leader who does just that, and in just ten days he is coming to spend an evening with us on the District.

I ask for your help to get the strongest possible turnout for that visit. The day and place: November 12<sup>th</sup> at the *Center for Hope / Fellowship Church* in Ambridge. (Read further down for a note on when to come.)

**Please make *personal invitations* to key congregational members.** Do not rely on passive announcements or written notices! Clergy and lay readers or N.O.W., let your leadership be strong; make the phone calls and have those conversations that will make the difference. Set a goal and achieve it!

On November 12<sup>th</sup> Bishop Tom will share his heart with us about renewal of our local churches and the once mighty movement called Methodism. Please, pastors, be present that evening! Barring unavoidable conflicts/emergencies I expect all District clergy to attend. I would ask all Lay Leaders, Ad. Bd/Council leaders, Trustee, Finance, PPRC, Education, Youth, UMW & UMM chairs to come as well, along with all other interested members of your local church.

**The facility is at 233 Merchant Street, Ambridge.** This is the “main drag” of town. Fellowship Church & the Center are at the far southern end, past the final traffic light heading south. It will help if you carpool. Street parking is limited, but parking attendants will be on hand to help us fill a private lot next to the Center that has been offered for that night.

You will first see a dark brick church on the right, with an attached house (convent) beyond it, and the *Center for Hope* building (former parochial school) connected to that, but set back from the street, not immediately visible as are the church and convent house. Unsure where you’re heading? Google *Center for Hope, Ambridge PA* for websites that include maps. [*Let not the unknown dissuade thy presence!*]

#### **Timeline and a CFH Tour!**

Plan to arrive beginning at 6:30 PM, so that you can take a simple walking tour through the *Center for Hope* as you make your way to the church sanctuary where the Bishop’s presentation will begin at 7 PM sharp.

As you walk through the facility, information will be readily available to help you learn about the services and ministries offered. We believe you will be inspired!

#### **Thank you for what you are doing to aid the Center for Hope and Fellowship Church through your special fall offering or fundraiser!**

*Please write offering checks to Center for Hope, and designate for the building.* (Mortgage payment support is our goal.) We will gratefully receive your gifts during a special offering at the November 12<sup>th</sup> Bishop’s gathering.

**Once again, for the leadership and faithful labors of each one who reads this, I offer up thanks.** I thank God for Bishop Tom Bickerton who gives his best, and works so tirelessly, to challenge both clergy and laity of this Conference to answer Christ’s call to follow in his way.

Pastors and key laity reading this, please join your leadership efforts with mine to gather our people on November 12<sup>th</sup> that we might imagine, pray and plan together for the renewal of United Methodism in Western Pennsylvania in faithfulness to God’s call in Christ Jesus.

With Gratitude for your Partnerships,

*Dean D. Ziegler*

Dean D. Ziegler, Butler District Superintending Pastor

PS. While you are calling, be sure to also invite your folk’s to this Saturday morning’s CLUE Day Workshop on “Recovering our Christian Witness” with guest workshop leader Dr. Brad Kalajainen. These two events fit hand-in-glove and each will reinforce the impact of the other.

**Butler District Evening on the District with Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton  
– November 12, 2009**

held at the Center For Hope in Ambridge, PA  
235 Merchant Street, Ambridge, PA 15003

Special offerings for the Center For Hope will be received that evening.



Please mark your calendar.

**2009 FALL BISHOP'S DAYS ON THE DISTRICTS**

Times to be announced if not listed

- November 11, 2009 -Johnstown: Bethany UMC, 112 Leventry Road, Johnstown, PA 15904
- November 12, 2009 -Butler Center For Hope, 235 Merchant St., Ambridge, PA 15003
- November 16, 2009 -Pittsburgh at Dutilh UMC, 1270 Dutilh Road, Cranberry Twp, PA 16066
- November 19, 2009 -Washington: First, 29 North College Street, Washington, PA 15301.

District clergy are strongly encouraged to attend a different district's Bishop's Day if unable to attend the one for your district. Please contact the District Office of the district you will be going to for any specific information. Let the District Office know if you are attending a different Bishop's Day. Thank you!



**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**One on One Schedule - November & December**

- Nov 2 10 AM Cathy Newport-Poff
- Nov 2 1 PM OJ Jones
- Nov 3 10 AM Jim Durlesser
- Nov 4 1 PM Pam Gardner
- Nov 5 10 AM Todd Davis
- Nov 5 1 PM Ron Wanless

**NOVEMBER 7 - CLUE DAY II BEGINNING AT 9 AM - Harmony-Zelienople UMC**

Coming Attraction:

**Mark your calendar now for CLUE DAY 2!**

Saturday, November 7, 2009  
Harmony/Zelienople United Methodist Church  
9:30 - 1:30 p.m.

(Note: the time may be adjusted so keep posted for updates!)

Dr. Bradley Kalajainen, keynote speaker will be preaching on "Recovering our Simple Purpose." He also will be leading one of the workshops. Join us for worship, workshops, and church conferences. All pastors and church leaders are invited to attend!

Nov 9 10 AM Larry Corner  
Nov 9 1 PM Nelson Thayer

**Nov 10 BOOK CLUB - BUTLER CHRIST COMMUNITY UMC**

Nov 10 1 PM David Alleman

**Nov 11 Beginning at 8:30 AM - District Committee on Ordained Ministry - Slippery Rock UMC**

**Nov 12 BISHOP'S EVENING ON THE BUTLER DISTRICT - 7 PM-CENTER FOR HOPE-AMBRIDGE**

Nov 16 10 AM Justin Judy  
Nov 16 1 PM Jim Lewis

**NOVEMBER 17 - BOOK CLUB - BUTLER CHRIST COMMUNITY UMC**

Nov 23 10 AM Darlene Ryniec  
Nov 23 1 PM Gary Hilton  
Nov 24 1 PM Ron Naugle



**NOVEMBER 26 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

Nov 30 10 AM David Wilson  
Nov 30 1 PM Rex Wasser

**DEC 1 - BOOK CLUB - BUTLER CHRIST COMMUNITY UMC**

Dec 2 1 PM Steve Morse  
Dec 3 1 PM Susan Pickering

**Dec 4 CLERGY FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY – UNIONVILLE UMC**  
*Watch for your personal invitation!*



Dec 8 1 PM Thom Scott  
Dec 9 1 PM Tom Kennedy

**Visit the new WPAUMC.org site for all of the upcoming events.**

**<http://wpaumc.org/>**

**Click on the “Calendar” tab to see events.....click on the event for more details.**

**Take advantage of online event registration also**

**All of the District Offices now have their calendars listed on the WPA Conference site also.**

**Our goal, by the first of the year.....all districts will have carried over their websites to the WPA Conference site also**

# New

## Cabinet Worksheet for Clergy...and Cabinet Worksheet of Church(s)

All clergy should have received an email from the WPA Conference with login information. One email with login information for the clergy report and one (for each church) with login information for the church report. (multiple emails for multiple churches.)

A November 1 request date for completion of these forms was established by the Cabinet...but if you have not completed them.....please do ASAP If you need help, please call the office.

ALSO – in this Charge Conference season – please remember to complete your *Charge Conference Reports and Leadership Reports* online at the Uldata site. Your user ID and password were listed on the outside envelope of your pre-charge packet. Again, if you need help, don't hesitate to call.

### *Clergy Birthdays*

#### November

- 10 Greg Cox
- 12 Tom Kennedy
- 22 Mark Ongley
- 26 David Ealy
- 28 Dean Ziegler



#### December

- 1 OJ Jones
- 5 Bob Martin
- Pat Nelson
- 7 Larry Corner
- 22 Russell Perry
- 25 Jean Smith

### *Clergy Family Birthdays*

#### November

- 3 Linda Thayer
- 9 Rebekah Cox
- 10 Sally Shaffer
- 19 Janet Kohlhepp

### *Clergy Family Birthdays*

#### December

- 18 Sarah McQueen
- 21 Lynne Morse



*Happy Anniversary to*

*November 12 – Doran & Dawn Lynn Check  
November 14 – Howard & Carolyn Burrell  
November 19 – Bob & Bonnie Fisher  
November 22 – Jim & Joy Durlesser  
  
December 23 – John & Mary Grey Emmett*

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## What's Happening in our Churches.....

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### Cabot UMC



### Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday November 26<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 2:00 PM

Held At the Cabot U M Church

707 Winfield Rd. Cabot, PA 16023

Call Church Office @ 724-352-2074 for Reservations

Reservations Appreciated By November 8th, But Walk-ins Welcomed

### CABOT UMC

#### LIVE MEDIA PRESENTATION ON THE BIG SCREEN

Cabot U M Church 707 Winfield Rd. Cabot, PA 16023

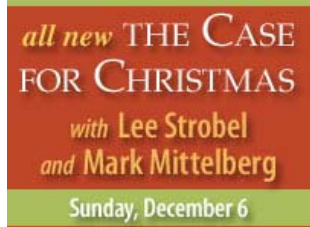
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Was the Star of Bethlehem a real astronomical event, a legend created by the early Church, or a miracle that marked the advent of Christ? Explore the history and science yourself in this amazing documentary. "A strange star is claimed to have appeared at the birth of Jesus of Nazareth. Was this biblical phenomenon fact or fiction, legend or science, nova or meteor - and what relevance does this have for us today? This Christmas gaze at the birth of Jesus from a brand new vantage point."

Join CCN (Church Communication Network) host and law professor Rick Larson for this multimedia presentation that points to The Star of Bethlehem as a real event with lasting implications. Larson will explore the nine qualities which must be present to qualify the celestial phenomena as the biblical Star of Bethlehem. Learn about the biblical & historical clues that show what the starry skies really revealed 2,000 years ago.

For More Information call 724-352-2074 or email [cumcprogramdirector@zoominternet.net](mailto:cumcprogramdirector@zoominternet.net)





## CABOT UMC LOOKING AHEAD TO THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

For some it's tradition. For others it's religious folklore. No one would argue that the real meaning of Christmas is easily lost in the distractions of the season. This Christmas invite your community to take a closer look at the real meaning of Christmas and the historical evidence that will bolster the

faith of believers and give seekers solid answers about this miraculous occurrence.

Christmas is all about traditions, from Christmas carols to family gatherings and presents under the tree. All too often the story about the child born in a Bethlehem manger is viewed as some kind of nostalgic tradition.

Lee Strobel, a former atheist and award winning journalist at the Chicago Tribune, investigates the truth about the Christmas story and examines the evidence that convinced him that Jesus was who He claimed to be.....the unique Son of God.

LIVE BROADCAST ON THE BIG SCREEN

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Cabot U M Church, 707 Winfield Rd. Cabot PA 16023

For Information Please call 724-352-2074 or email [cumcprogramdirector@zoominternet.net](mailto:cumcprogramdirector@zoominternet.net)

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**CHICORA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**203 Central Ave.**  
**Chicora, Pa**

### **CRAFT SHOW**

**FRI. Nov. 20th 9-5 and**  
**SAT. Nov. 21st 10-3**  
**Lunch available**

CONTACT INFO. Tom Hilliard 724-445-2059  
Beth Cartwright 724-602-7542

## Harmony-Zelienople UMC

**UP TO 50% OFF  
GROCERIES  
EVERY MONTH**

*Regardless of  
income  
by Terri Schar*

Everyone is welcome to order from the angel food menu, regardless of income. It is simply an offer for good food at a good price. We are always looking for volunteers to help with taking orders, unloading trucks and distribution, if you can help, please contact Scott Eldridge at 724-452-4295.

November orders will be taken at HZUMC on:

November 5<sup>th</sup> (5:30 to 7:30 PM) and  
November 7<sup>th</sup> (10:00 to 3:00 PM).

**DISTRIBUTION DAY IS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> FROM 8-9:30 AM**

November's regular menu (\$30) will include: rib-eye steaks, lasagna, breaded fish patties, pork chops, breaded chicken, ground beef, veggies, milk, eggs, cereal and dessert.

Specials will be:

- Senior/convenience box: \$28
- Allergen free box: \$23 (new lower price)
- 7 pound assorted meat grill box: \$23
- 5 pound assorted meat & chicken combo: \$22
- 10 pound boneless/skinless chicken box: \$21
- Fresh fruit and veggie box: \$22

Menus and Order Forms are available in the lobby of HZUMC and can be picked-up at any time. Orders with payment can be sent to HZUMC prior to the November the order date or come to the church lobby on the dates listed below.

**NOVEMBER** orders will be taken  
November 5<sup>TH</sup> (5:30 to 7:30 pm)  
and November 7<sup>TH</sup> (10:00 to 3: 00 pm)

DISTRIBUTION date is Saturday, November 14<sup>TH</sup>

NEW DISTRIBUTION HOURS: 8:00 am to 9:30 am

*Jeff Painter ~ Worship*  
*Sunday, November 15, 2009*  
**7:00PM**

There are plans for a time of Worship with Jeff Painter on the evening of the 15<sup>th</sup>. Jeff is a gifted musician, pianist, song writer, and servant of God. Jess is no stranger to worship events here in Harmony-Zelienople. As a leader for Pastors Gatherings, and other worship events he brings warmth, compassion, and spirit filled passion to the worship. Please plan on praying and coming to this time of thanksgiving to the Lord.

## Dan Schall in Concert

Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009  
7:00PM at HZUMC

Dan's ministry started when he was in his teens, after accepting what Jesus Christ had done for him. Dan endured a severe speech impediment during his teen years. The anger and frustration controlled his life. It all was released one night by realizing and accepting that Jesus Christ died for all his trials and pain. Dan continues to stutter but God has blessed him with a singing voice that he has used for decades for the Glory of God.

Dan's music ministry enables him to share how God has touched his life. The music reaches out to others in a special way to show them the love that Jesus Christ has for them. For many years and thousands of miles Dan sang almost every weekend. In 2001, Dan resigned from his full time job of twenty-five years and went into full time ministry. Some might say that it was a step of faith, but Dan likes to say, "It was God's time." Now in full time ministry Dan is able to travel further from his home base. Much of Dan's time is spent being with ones who are hurting because of situations in their lives. In a hurting world, God uses a simple song and a listening ear.

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**Christ Community UMC** – see attached flier on our Home Page

The nationally-recognized **HOW-TO CHURCH SOUND MINISTRIES**, the leading providers of audio workshops in the USA, are coming to our church to provide **HANDS-ON SOUND TRAINING** to our worship community. The workshop takes place at our church on **Saturday, December 5, 2009 from 9 AM to 6 PM.**

**This workshop will help grow your ministry by...**

- Increasing volunteerism and membership through professional AV training.
- Expanding youth participation.
- Stopping membership loss.
- Teaching how to purchase the correct sound equipment for your church.

**HOW-TO SOUND WORKSHOP** attendees operate mixing consoles at up to 30 individual workstations, and learn the techniques necessary for them to become familiar with the operation of your own sound system. The **HOW-TO SOUND WORKSHOPS** bring more than \$120,000 of equipment, including analog and digital mixers, wireless/wired microphones, compressors, equalizers, personal monitoring systems — and equipment for musicians to help lower stage volume.

Participants receive a workbook, literature, continental breakfast, snacks and lunch, plus 8 hours of up-close-and-personal **HANDS-ON** training. Special pricing if registered 14 days *before* the workshop. The **HOW-TO CHURCH SOUND WORKSHOP** attendance is limited to 60 people, so register your sound team today!

Register online at [www.howtosound.com/register](http://www.howtosound.com/register) or call 732-741-1275 or 301-739-5721. Come join us!

## **Nixon UMC**

### NIXON CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

334 Airport Rd. Butler, Pa.

Saturday, November 22, 10:00am - 3:00pm

Booths include:

A Taste of Home  
(Homemade goods)

Sweet Shoppe  
(Homemade Candy)

Book Nook  
(Used books, CD's)

Christmas Shoppe  
(Bulbs, Wreaths, etc)

Gifts and More!  
(crafts)

Gift Baskets  
(gift certificates, merchandise)

Soup Kitchen  
(soups, sandwiches, snacks)

Benefits Missions of the Church

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### DRIVE THROUGH NATIVITY

December 12th and 13th

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Nixon United Methodist Church

334 Airport Road, Butler, Pa. 16002

Nine scenes featuring live actors and animals depict the birth of Christ. This is a great activity for individuals, families, and children and youth groups!

Collecting canned goods for Glade Run Emergency Food Pantry. Donations accepted to defray expenses...

## **Shippingport UMC**

AFMC.....Appalachian Folk Music Club

Shippingport UMC – Sunday, Nov 15 beginning at 6 PM

Everyone is welcome!

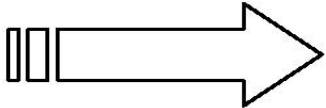
Music includes Gospel, Bluegrass, Country and Appalachian, Folk Music

# Mission Share paid through September

<b>Church Name</b>	<b>Charge Name</b>	<b>2009 Mission Share</b>	<b>Paid through 9/30/09</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
First U M Church	Aliquippa	\$27,174	\$9,323	34%
Economy U M Church	Ambridge/Economy	\$3,697	\$3,697	100%
First U M Church	Ambridge/Economy	\$13,522	\$3,381	25%
Fellowship U M Church	Ambridge: Fellowship	\$4,470	\$373	8%
Baden U M Church	Baden	\$20,259	\$15,000	74%
Bairdford U M Church	Bairdford	\$5,452	\$4,089	75%
Bethel U M Church	Beaver County: Bethel	\$3,036	\$3,036	100%
Central U M Church	Beaver Falls: First/Central	\$7,891	\$4,139	52%
First U M Church	Beaver Falls: First/Central	\$6,731	\$4,511	67%
Bennetts Run U M Church	Beaver Falls: North	\$2,350	\$0	0%
Clinton U M Church	Beaver Falls: North	\$2,731	\$2,048	75%
Otterbein U M Church	Beaver Falls: North	\$4,085	\$1,377	34%
Wampum U M Church	Beaver Falls: North	\$5,961	\$4,255	71%
First U M Church	Beaver: First	\$33,442	\$13,462	40%
College Hill U M Church	BF: College Hill	\$21,100	\$15,825	75%
Concord U M Church	BF: Concord	\$61,597	\$46,468	75%
Riverview U M Church	BF: Riverview	\$15,763	\$12,469	79%
Bethel U M Church	Boyers/Eau Claire: Bethel	\$7,953	\$2,700	34%
Boyers U M Church	Boyers/Eau Claire: Bethel	\$6,416	\$2,000	31%
Trinity U M Church	Brackenridge: Trinity	\$32,694	\$15,364	47%
Bridgewater U M Church	Bridgewater	\$6,322	\$3,329	53%
Bruin U M Church	Bruin	\$5,183	\$3,069	59%
Fairview U M Church	Bruin	\$1,385	\$1,385	100%
Ridgeville U M Church	Bruin	\$3,243	\$1,622	50%
Brush Run U M Church	Brush Run	\$10,551	\$6,155	58%
Craigsville U M Church	Buffalo	\$3,456	\$0	0%
Fenelton U M Church	Buffalo	\$2,247	\$956	43%
McKee Chapel U M Church	Buffalo	\$2,004	\$1,679	84%
Christ Community U M Church	Butler: Christ	\$38,037	\$30,029	79%
First U M Church	Butler: First	\$134,955	\$96,306	71%
Cabot U M Church	Cabot	\$29,463	\$22,099	75%
Chicora U M Church	Chicora/Karns City	\$5,813	\$3,350	58%
Karns City U M Church	Chicora/Karns City	\$7,734	\$5,801	75%

Chippewa U M Church	Chippewa	\$95,890	\$71,918	75%
Connoquenessing U M Church	Connoquenessing	\$8,218	\$6,165	75%
Millerstown U M Church	Country Chapel	\$3,580	\$1,539	43%
Walter Chapel U M Church	Country Chapel	\$3,962	\$4,000	101%
Janes U M Church	Creighton: Janes	\$8,174	\$6,165	75%
Eastbrook U M Church	Eastbrook	\$11,004	\$1,836	17%
First U M Church	Ellwood City	\$18,257	\$7,838	43%
Freeport U M Church	Freeport	\$17,418	\$9,758	56%
Georgetown U M Church	Georgetown/Smiths Ferry	\$2,129	\$1,300	61%
Smiths Ferry U M Church	Georgetown/Smiths Ferry	\$1,302	\$1,194	92%
Harmony-Zelienople U M Church	Harmony-Zelienople	\$61,118	\$46,044	75%
Homewood U M Church	Homewood	\$4,537	\$3,275	72%
Kaylor U M Church	Kaylor/Queenstown	\$1,842	\$1,075	58%
Queenstown U M Church	Kaylor/Queenstown	\$1,690	\$0	0%
First U M Church	Koppel	\$3,462	\$2,610	75%
Mars U M Church	Mars	\$20,541	\$2,293	11%
Green Valley U M Church	Midland Ecum Parish	\$1,273	\$955	75%
Midland U M Church	Midland Ecum Parish	\$1,260	\$1,260	100%
Monaca U M Church	Monaca	\$17,686	\$10,317	58%
Center U M Church	Natrona Heights: Center	\$26,154	\$4,577	17%
Grace U M Church	Natrona Heights: Grace	\$13,306	\$6,111	46%
Croton Avenue U M Church	NC: Croton Ave	\$13,006	\$815	6%
Epworth U M Church	NC: Epworth/West Pittsburg	\$15,646	\$50	0%
West Pittsburg U M Church	NC: Epworth/West Pittsburg	\$2,807	\$1,920	68%
First U M Church	NC: First	\$31,455	\$1,895	6%
King's Chapel U M Church	NC: King's Chapel/Wesley	\$9,970	\$3,799	38%
Wesley U M Church	NC: King's Chapel/Wesley	\$7,458	\$0	0%
Savannah U M Church	NC: Savannah	\$14,646	\$10,695	73%
New Brighton U M Church	New Brighton UM Church	\$32,215	\$21,592	67%
New Wilmington U M Church	New Wilmington	\$14,064	\$4,243	30%
Nixon U M Church	Nixon	\$22,236	\$13,452	60%
Pulaski U M Church	Pulaski	\$14,527	\$1,000	7%
First U M Church	Rochester	\$27,553	\$17,177	62%
Zion U M Church	Rochester: Zion	\$7,410	\$0	0%
Forestville U M Church	Saint Johns/Forestville	\$4,881	\$3,297	68%
Saint Johns U M Church	Saint Johns/Forestville	\$5,587	\$3,990	71%
Zion U M Church	Sarver: Zion	\$37,825	\$28,480	75%
Slippery Rock U M Church	Slippery Rock	\$18,545	\$8,352	45%
Arnold U M Church	Springdale	\$8,423	\$1,949	23%
Springdale U M Church	Springdale	\$11,344	\$3,944	35%
Emory Chapel U M Church	Thorncreek/Emory Chapel	\$7,815	\$1,889	24%
Thorncreek U M Church	Thorncreek/Emory Chapel	\$13,914	\$2,967	21%
Tucker U M Church	Tucker	\$3,560	\$3,560	100%

Unionville U M Church	Unionville	\$17,556	\$14,440	82%
Valencia U M Church	Valencia	\$7,908	\$2,671	34%
Volant U M Church	Volant	\$5,407	\$4,957	92%
Branchton U M Church	West Liberty	\$3,621	\$2,221	61%
Hilliards U M Church	West Liberty	\$1,740	\$1,241	71%
West Liberty U M Church	West Liberty	\$3,859	\$1,963	51%
Wurtemberg U M Church	Wurtemberg	\$13,015	\$6,680	51%
BUTLER DISTRICT TOTALS		<b>\$1,237,513</b>	\$698,760	56%



Employment opportunities.....

## Chippewa UMC

### **Part Time Nursery Coordinator Position**

Chippewa UMC has an opening for Part-Time Nursery Coordinator. References are required.

**Please send Resume to:**

Chippewa United Methodist Church,  
2545 Darlington Rd.  
Beaver Falls, PA 15010

### **Part Time Youth Administrative Assistant Position**

Chippewa UMC has an opening for Part-Time Youth Administrative Assistant. References are required.

**Please send Resume to:**

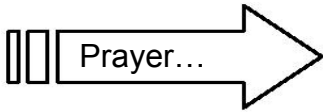
Chippewa United Methodist Church,  
2545 Darlington Rd.  
Beaver Falls, PA 15010

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### Professional Position

Director of the Ruth M. Smith Center  
Personal Care Home and Day Care Center

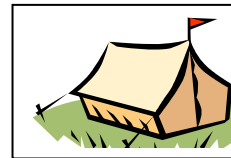
The candidate must have an undergraduate degree in social work or business management and must possess a heart for mission with a Christian understanding relating to the care of residents, supervision of the daycare facility and the supervision of employees. With the assistance of the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors, the candidate will help construct a financial development program for the Ruth M. Smith Center in Sheffield, PA. Experience in supervision and grant applications helpful but not required. We are an equal opportunity employer. Salary based on experience. Please send resume to Search Committee, 4813 Victoria Way, Erie, PA 16509 or via e-mail: [dlb4813@roadrunner.com](mailto:dlb4813@roadrunner.com)



**Continued Prayer.....**

- Rev Glea Foster, Chicora/Karns City UMC – Cancer treatment
- Rev. La Mar Carlson
- Christine Feagin- daughter of Rich & Mary Feagin who served  
Thorncreek UMC 1996-2007. - Treatment for Leukemia
  
- Larry Bridge – WPA Conference treasurer’s office – will have a knee replacement. He is recovering from an infection in his knee.
- **Jackie Campbell** (conference communicator) **and family** as her Mother recently passed away.

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**Dates to Remember:**

Conference-wide [Laity Event with Gil Rendle](#) is Nov. 14 at Ingomar UMC.  
[Church Professional Seminars](#) for clergy and laity is Nov. 11 or Jan. 16, 2010 at the UM Center. [Safe Sanctuary Trainers Training](#) is Monday, Dec. 7, at the UM Center.

## Church Professional Seminars

Wednesday, November 11, 2009 at the United Methodist Center

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**Domestic Violence Prevention—10:45-12:15 pm**

**Safe Sanctuary—1:00-3:00 pm**

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### Mission Gala

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- Bethany House  
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- Erie UM Alliance
- UM Human Services  
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\$100

Sat., Nov. 21, 6 pm  
Four Point Sheraton  
Cranberry Twp.

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## Culture & Your Congregation

### THE LAITY EVENT

"LIVING IN A DEEPLY CHANGED MISSION  
FIELD"

WITH GIL RENDLE, RENOWNED AUTHOR, SPEAKER, PASTOR  
NOV. 14 AT INGOMAR UMC  
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

THIS IS DESIGNED TO BE A TIME OF WORSHIP, RENEWAL, SPIRITUAL GROWTH, ENRICHMENT AND CONNECTEDNESS, FOR ALL LAITY IN THE WESTERN PA CONFERENCE. THE EVENT IS SEPARATED INTO MORNING AND AFTERNOON SESSIONS. THE MORNING SESSION WILL EXPLORE SOME OF THE DEEPER AND MORE DIFFICULT CHANGES IN THE CULTURE THAT CHALLENGE OUR CONGREGATIONS IN THEIR MISSIONS,

AND THE AFTERNOON WILL INCLUDE A DISCUSSION ABOUT NEEDED LEADERSHIP TO THRIVE IN THIS CHANGED MISSION FIELD.

TOTAL COST \$20.00 PER PERSON

REGISTRATION DEADLINE 11/02/2009

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**NCD Orientations**, January 30, and January 31.

Orientations are intended to acquaint pastors and congregations with the NCD process and to get NCD teams in congregations ready to begin the process. They are usually about 3 - 4 hours long and cover all the elements of NCD. The district coordinators can lead these orientations at any time for a group of congregations on the district.

Nov 7 Coach training (part 2) Armaugh

Feb 3 Coach training (part 1) Corry

Mar 10 Coach training (part 2) Corry

Feb 6 Coach training (part 1) Brookville

Mar 13 Coach training (part 2) Brookville

The coach training is for folks (both lay and clergy) who are interested in learning more about NCD and are willing to consider becoming coaches for congregations going through the NCD process. Part one will cover the NCD process and how to follow it through the year, rather than just taking the survey and thinking you are finished. Part two will cover the coach's role in working with the congregation, tools for coaching, and how to use the individual spiritual gifts a coach has to best advantage while coaching a congregation.

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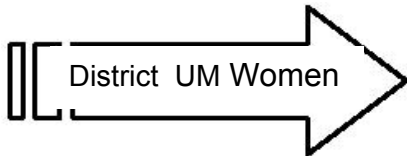
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**CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION--JAMESTOWN, NY**

Applications are now being received for a CPE class to be held in the Jamestown, NY area from Aug to Nov 2009. The CPE group will meet generally two days every other week with some changes during Aug as determined by class needs. For more information, contact: Rev. Robert C. Spilman, 363 Darwin Drive, Amherst, NY 14226 (Tel.) 716-839-4316; 716-479-7933 (cell); 716-743-9117 E-mail: rcspilman@roadrunner.com



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**2010 Dates to Rember**

March 27	Mission Study.....TBA
April 24	Spring Meeting.....TBA
April 30 – May 2	Assembly 2010 at Amercia’s Center, St Louis, MO
July 12-16	Cooperative School of Christian Mission
July 16-18	Week-end School



**Mission Barn Open House** - Advance Special number - **MS002009B**.

**ZIM JAM – 2009**

Reserve **Saturday, November 14, 2009** to feed your bodies with a delicious pasta dinner and feed your hearts with contemporary Christian music by the 11:01 and Sunday night worship bands at Christ UMC (Bethel Park) Christian Life Center to support the programs and services at the UMC Mission in Nyadire, Zimbabwe.

**ZIM JAM 2009** will start with **dinner at 6 p.m. followed by concert at 7:30 p.m.** Shopping for African crafts and gifts will be available. [Get a head start on purchase of Christmas gifts and support this important mission effort!]

Event tickets are \$10 (6 tickets for \$50 purchased in advance at the Christ UMC (Bethel Park) church office, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) Call (412) 835-6621 for information. Donations offered at the event will be greatly appreciated.

**ZIM JAM 2009** is sponsored by The Nyadire Connection (TNC) as a benefit to continue the work started by CUMC in 2001 when the church committed to revitalize the hospital at the Nyadire Mission. Numerous mission trips have expanded the support to include the Home of Hope Orphanage, nursing school, teachers' college, and primary school and school sponsorship program to neighboring villages. Container shipments, shipment of medical supplies and pharmaceuticals, sponsorship of orphans, and materials of all sorts have materialized as a result. A water project funded by the General Board of Global Ministries and TNC is providing clean, fresh water to the mission, and internet access has become a reality.

The Western PA United Methodist Conference recently approved a partnership with the United Methodist Church in Zimbabwe with the intention to extend the relationships established through The Nyadire Connection.



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