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## West District Center

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## Office Hours:

Mondays, Tuesdays  
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8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*Parking is available in the  
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# West District News

August 31, 2010

## NEWS

### West District Fall Lay Speaker Classes Registration Due by September 9th!

[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD REGISTRATION  
FORM!](#)

#### Advanced Lay Speaker Classes:

Fall 2010: Sept 18th - Rev. Scott Johnson - "From Your Hearts to Theirs:  
Delivering An Effective Sermon" - Terre Haute Memorial UMC  
Spring 2011: Mar 5th - Create Disciple-Making Faith Communities  
Summer 2011: June 25 - Leading Bible Study  
Fall 2011: Oct 1st - Lead in Evangelism

#### Beginning Lay Speaking:

Fall 2010: Sept 18th (at Terre Haute Memorial UMC) & 25th (at Terre  
Haute Mt. Pleasant UMC) - Rev. Mindy Huffman  
Spring 2011: Feb 19th & 26th  
Fall 2011: Sept 17th & 24th

### District Training - Administrative Council

We are delighted to be able to offer significant  
and important training to the laity and clergy  
of the West District.



Ann Handschu, who has been leading training  
for the SPRT, will continue with her offerings of educational  
opportunities with training for Administrative Councils. Following  
is a brief summary of what will be covered at that training:

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- Understand how spiritual gifts, passion, and experience of leadership impact the capacity to be successful in ministry and accomplish the mission of your church;
- Grasp "team thinking and team action" versus the traditional committee structure;
- Learn why we must "multiply disciples" not just "add Christians" to our churches.

The dates and places of the training are as follows:

September 26th 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Ellettsville UMC  
September 27th 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Maple Avenue UMC  
October 3rd 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Linton First UMC  
October 17th 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Gobin Memorial UMC  
November 7th 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Rockville First UMC

We realize that the dates of the training are close at hand, but hope that you and your laity will be able to work this very significant training into your schedule. If you can let the district office know when and how many are able to attend, it will help with providing radical hospitality to you. Please encourage as many people to attend as possible.

Thank you for putting one of these dates on your calendar, and God's blessing on the important work you do for the building of God's kingdom.

## Do you know what's available on our web site?

**Here's how to find the appointment list!**

1. Go to the conference website at [www.inumc.org](http://www.inumc.org).
2. Click on the "Find-A-Church" tab at the top of the page.
3. Click the link for the [Complete Appointment List for 2010](#). This will open a PDF document that you can view online or save to your computer.



## Operation Classroom News and Events

There will be a meeting with Joe Wagner and Smart Senesie, Country Coordinator from Sierra Leone, at Gobin Memorial United Methodist Church on Tuesday, September 14, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. to talk about and answer questions concerning the Fergusson Boys School. We invite any interested persons to attend.



The Fall Packing Paty will be Thursday, October 7th at Breden Memorial UMC in Terre Haute. We will start at 9:00 a.m., and lunch will be served by individuals from the church. We ask that supplies for the packing party be brought to the church on Wednesday, October 6th. Boxes that reams of paper are usually packed in come in really handy for shipping. If you have these, please bring them to the packing party.

Scholarships are also a concern. Full scholarships for students are \$125, and partial scholarships at \$75. We would love to see each church sponsor at least one child!

If you have questions about West District Operation Classroom news and events, please contact Bill Green at 765-653-5430.

## EVENTS

### Local Church Events Calendar

In an effort to keep this newsletter as concise as possible, we are listing local church events only on the district web site. To view these events, simply [CLICK HERE](#), and you will be directed to it. If your church has an event you would like featured on this calendar, please e-mail the details to Katie Swisher at [west.district@inumc.org](mailto:west.district@inumc.org).

# Red Bird Mission's Appalachian Craft Fair



Baskets • Books • Candles • Dolls • Flowers • Furniture • Jellies/Jams  
Jewelry • Music • Notes • Ornaments • Plaques • Pottery • Toys  
Wooden Kitchen Items • Variety of Woven Crafts  
And Many, Many More Crafts

Location: **Salem United Methodist Church**

(Across from Eli Lilly on Hwy. 63 North of Clinton in Vermillion County)

**Saturday, Sept. 18, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Creating Economic Opportunities for Kentucky Crafters**

## **Clergy Spouse Retreat**

2010 Clergy Spouse Retreat

**September 19-21, 2010**

**Turkey Run State Park**

**Marshall, IN**

**Speaker: Jackie Chandler "Body, Mind & Spirit Care: Being a Healthy Clergy Spouse"**

The Clergy Spouse Retreat Committee is busy planning. Our upcoming retreat is an opportunity to get-away, fellowship with other clergy spouses, and enjoy a wonderful speaker. There is also "free time" for quiet reflection, crafts, hiking trails, possibly canoeing and much more. We encourage you to "Save The Date." Those attending in the past will enjoy this event once again. We especially extend a warm invitation to those clergy spouses for which 2010 would be your first Clergy Spouse Retreat. We welcome your participation.

Please direct any questions to Lauren Ice [ltice1021@yahoo.com](mailto:ltice1021@yahoo.com) and Melissa Padgett [Melissapadgett@yahoo.com](mailto:Melissapadgett@yahoo.com) (CoChairpersons) or Donna Wilfong/Registrar [dfwilfong@yahoo.com](mailto:dfwilfong@yahoo.com)

Hope to see all of you in September!

[PLEASE CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD THE BROCHURE!](#)

**West District Missions Gathering**  
**Saturday, October 30th 10:00 a.m.**  
**Brazil First UMC - Fellowship Hall**  
**201 N. Meridian, Brazil**



This event is for all individuals interested in missions, especially Missions Chairs, Operation Classroom Chairs, United Methodist Women, etc. If you have questions about this event, please contact Linda Smock at 812-232-4971.

**West District Conference**  
**October 31, 2010**  
**2:00 p.m.**

Seelyville UMC  
 2351 N Second Street  
 Seelyville, IN

Join us for this important annual meeting where we will:

- Hear a "State of the District" message
- Worship together
- Set the district budget for 2011

Seelyville UMC will be providing lunch to those to RSVP ahead of time!

**Holy Land Trip - December 2011**  
**Sign up today!**

Revs. Jill and Corey Howard (associate pastor of Memorial UMC and youth pastor of Mount Pleasant UMC) are organizing a group for a Holy Land via Jordan trip, departing December 4, 2011. [Click here for more details about the trip, itinerary, and pricing.](#) You may also download the brochure from the website! We will be departing out of Indianapolis. Contact Jill at [jillmoffhoward@gmail.com](mailto:jillmoffhoward@gmail.com) or at Memorial's church office (812) 234-0776 for more information. They would love to have you on this adventure!

**Midwest Mission Distribution Center Trips**  
**Mark your calendars for these dates!**

These trips are quite a way off now, but mark your calendars and plan on attending!

**Tuesday, May 24 - Thursday, May 26, 2011**

**Wednesday, March 14 - Friday, March 16, 2012**