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New Articles This Week...

[Appointment Changes](#)

A Facebook group has been created for the West District! If you are on Facebook, you can join the group and connect with others in the district.

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West District News

March 9, 2010

West District Center - The United Methodist Church

118 W. Seminary Street, Greencastle, IN 46135

765-276-4797 OR 1-877-781-6716

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 8:30-4:30

www.inumc.org/westdistrict

Parking is available in the lot located at Maple and Seminary. Handicapped access is available. Please notify us ahead of time if you are in need of a ramp.

Indiana Conference Center

301 Pennsylvania Parkway, Suite 301, Indianapolis, IN 46280

317-924-1321 OR 1-877-781-6706

NEWS & INFORMATION

March Clergy Meetings

All clergy are expected to attend one of these two meetings!

If you missed yesterday's clergy meeting, please make every effort to attend the meeting on Sunday, March 21st.

Sunday, March 21st at 2:00 p.m.

Peniel UMC

9525 N Kennedy Crossing Road, Brazil

Bread and Basin Award

Nominations being accepted until May 17th!

The Bread and Basin Award is presented at the Laity session of the Indiana Annual Conference. This public recognition honors individuals who have made a significant contribution through service to a mission or ministry within the local community, nationally or internationally during the past year. The individual should attend a United Methodist Church in Indiana. Three individuals will be honored this year. If you would like a nomination form, please contact Katie Swisher at west.district@inumc.org or 765-276-4797.

Appointment Changes

Here are some recent appointment changes that have occurred:

Don Smith from Wesley Chapel (SO) to Retirement.
 Tony Alstott from Brazil First (WE) to Wesley Chapel (SO).
 Greg Rittenhouse from Portland Asbury (EA) to Brazil First (WE).
 Jack Hartman from Muncie High Street (EA) to Retirement.
 Dale Mendenhall from East District Superintendent to Muncie High Street (EA).
 David Byrum from Valparaiso First (NO) to East District Superintendent.
 Jacob Williams from Lafayette Trinity (NW) to Valparaiso First (NO).
 John Hall from Michigan City First (NO) to Retirement.
 Tim Prowse from Merrillville (NO) to Michigan City First (NO).
 Ken Mahan from Decatur First (NE) to Retirement.
 Martha Lyon from Muncie Gethsemane (EA) to Decatur First (NE).
 Vickie Perkins from Hanover (SE) to Muncie Gethsemane (EA).
 Len Sjogren from New Albany Trinity (SO) to Retirement.
 Bill Shannon from Logansport First (NW) to New Albany Trinity (SO).
 Dean Fager from Plymouth First (NW) to Logansport First (NW).
 Bill Farmer from Taylor Chapel (NE) to Retirement.
 Roy Carpenter from Holland/Soar (SW) to Retirement.



EVENTS

Local Church Events Calendar

In an effort to keep this newsletter as concise as possible, we are going to be listing local church events 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.

Staff Parish Relations Committee Training

I have initiated a comprehensive training for S/PRC members. Rev. Tom True, Associate Superintendent in the West District, has prepared and will lead a workshop which will not simply share information but will provide the opportunity for S/PRC members to secure the skill sets to be about their work effectively and with confidence. [For details about these important events, please click here!](#)

Thank you, and God's blessing on the important work you do for the building of God's kingdom.

Rev. Judi Purvis

2010 Lenten Schedules

West District Lenten Schedules are listed on the district website. [Click here to view the schedule!](#)

Midwest Mission Distribution Center Work Team

Spots are still available for this trip!

There is a work team going to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Chatham, Illinois Wednesday-Friday, March 17-19, 2010. The cost of this trip is \$100.00 per participant, which includes: 2 nights lodging in the dormitory, all food served at the site, any supplies used for assembling projects and insurance. Transportation to and from the center and a lunch enroute are your responsibility. Any over the age of 16 are welcome.

We will be taking flood buckets and supplies and health kits we have collected. One shipment of health kits has already gone to Haiti Relief with more planned.

If you are interested in this trip, contact Roger Hofmann or Linda Smock at 812-232-4971 OR maumcjs@verizon.net.

Operation Classroom Packing Day

April 22, 2010

There will be an Operation Classroom Packing Day on April 22, 2010 at Breden UMC in Terre Haute, Indiana. Packing will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until done. Anyone can come for one hour or whatever time they can work.

Lunch will be served by the Ladies group of the church. School supplies as well as first aid supplies are always in need.

If you have questions about this event, please contact Bill Green, District Coordinator for Operation Classroom, at 765-653-5430.

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 llice1021@yahoo.com and Melissa Padgett Melissapadgett@yahoo.com (CoChairpersons) or Donna Wilfong/Registrar dfwilfong@yahoo.com

Hope to see all of you in September!