



*Happy Holidays*

## **TUSCARAWAS TIES**

**Newsletter of the Tuscarawas District – UMC**

December 2011 e-news edition

### **TUSCARAWAS DISTRICT NEWS**

District Office Holiday Hours:

Thanksgiving – Closed November 23, 24, and 25

Christmas/New Years – Closed December 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and January 2

**REMINDER:** Local Church 2012 Leadership Directories (3 pages) are due in the district office December 1. Thanks to those churches that have already completed and sent them in.

#### **Interpreter Enrollment**

Pastors, if you have not already done so, please take time to enroll select members of your congregation to receive the Interpreter publication. Each local church is eligible to receive FIVE FREE printed and FIVE FREE digital copies of the magazine. You may subscribe in one of the following ways:

---online at <http://www.umcom.org/subscriptions>

---fax updated forms to (615) 742-5499

---mail updated forms to Interpreter, PO Box 440229, Nashville, TN 37244-0229

---If there are no changes from last year's enrollment, you may simply email "no change" to [enrollment@umcom.org](mailto:enrollment@umcom.org)

Any questions, contact customer service at (888) 346-3862

#### **2012 Program Calendars**

To order your 2012 East Ohio Conference Program Calendar visit the Conference web site [www.eocumc.com](http://www.eocumc.com). An order form may be found on the left side of the home page. Or, email Jenni Dodge at the conference office [dodgej@eocumc.com](mailto:dodgej@eocumc.com) or call 800-831-3972 ext 133.

**Tuscarawas District Leadership Training  
Saturday, February 4, 2012  
Louisville Christ U.M. Church  
600 E. Gorgas Street  
Louisville, OH 44641**

**8:00 Registration/Refreshments 9:00 – 10:15 Workshop I 10:45 – noon workshop II**

**‘MAKING VITAL CONGREGATIONS’  
Four Key Drivers of Vitality**

- **Engagement of Disciples**
  - **Worship**
  - **Pastor**
- **Lay Leadership**

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**REGISTER NOW:** Complete this form and return it along with your registration fee payable to the Tuscarawas District office. Mail your form and check to: Tuscarawas District Leadership Event 3500 Cleveland Ave. NW, Canton, OH 44709

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone  
Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Workshop Preference (1 per registration)

Workshop I \_\_\_\_\_

Workshop II \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee: \$5.00 per person (pre-registration) or \$7.00 at the door Enclosed:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee: \$25.00 per church (pre-registration) or \$30.00 at the door Enclosed:  
\_\_\_\_\_

(If church registration, please send a list of names and workshop preferences for attendees)

Do you need handicap accessibility assistance? YES \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-registration deadline January 27<sup>th</sup>

Child Care for up to age 6 \_\_\_\_\_ children \_\_\_\_\_ ages



## Tuscarawas District Leadership Training

**WORKSHOP I 9:00 A.M.— 10:15 A.M.**

### **ENGAGEMENT OF DISCIPLES**

Building a Children's Ministry

Dave West & Staff

Creating and Sustaining Small Groups for Adults

Jessica and Micah Holland

This workshop will focus on the key components to creating a small group ministry for your church and a few important aspects to sustaining this ministry for the long haul.

### **WORSHIP**

What do you bring to worship?

Chip Freed

Setting up and using Multi-Media

Keith Brown

Bringing change to worship

Jan Yandel

### **LAY LEADERSHIP**

Lay Speakers

Clarence Penick/Bill Eckert

Releasing Laity into Ministry

Dave Scavuzzo

Raising up Leadership

Kurt Landerholm/Iris Andrews

### **CONNECTIONAL**

Living Out Our Mission through the Connectional Church

Paul White

This workshop will help us look at how the connectional church helps us to live out our ministry and mission.

## WORKSHOP II 10:45 A.M.— NOON

### ENGAGEMENT OF DISCIPLES

Resources for all ages for Spiritual Growth

Janet Zimmerman

Youth Discipleship

Kaye Wolfinger

### WORSHIP

Different Styles of Worship

Cara Stultz Costello

Worship Leadership

Tim Longbrake

### PASTOR

Visionary Leadership

Scott Wilson

Communicating a timeless message in timely ways

Bryan George

In a culture saturated with computer generated graphics, followers of Jesus are challenged to communicate good news in ways that authentic and yet relevant to media savvy generation. This workshop will offer various ideas on the effective ways to share a timeless message in timely ways.

### LAY and CLERGY LEADERSHIP

Healthy Initiatives

Lenore Robinson/Wanda Croft

Christ-Presence in Leaders for Emotionally Challenging Times

Judy Wismar Claycomb

Administrative Committees with Ministry/Mission in View (repeat from 2011)

Kurt Landerholm

### CONNECTIONAL

Budget Building/Shared Ministry

Jessica Vargo

### **LOCAL CHURCH NEWS**

**FOHL MEMORIAL UMC on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.** in the sanctuary will sponsor a Christmas Music/Bluegrass/Gospel Concert given by The Stockdale Family Band. There will be a congregational potluck following the concert in our social hall at 6:00 p.m.

All are invited!

## The Stockdale Family Band



Performs a combination of Bluegrass and Gospel with a touch of Appalachian music and comedy for good measure.

Father, Tim and brothers, Charles, Jacob, and James often spend kitchen and farm chore time together singing their favorite songs and honing their harmonies.

Their 4 piece band includes guitar, fiddle, mandolin, and bass. Performance includes alternating lead vocalists and 3 and 4 part harmonies, as well as trick instrumentation and roping, and clogging. The Stockdale men are especially suited for stage performance, as their affection for people and enthusiasm for traditional acoustic music is infectious to audiences.

The family band has played for Silver Dollar City in Branson, Missouri Pennyroyal Opera House, Ohio Valley Opry, community concerts, festivals, churches, parties, and schools. They have earned first place in 3 regional band contests and 2<sup>nd</sup> in both the national “Single Mic Championship” and “Youth in Bluegrass” band contests. Jacob is a 3 time Ohio State Youth Fiddle Champion.

The ABC TV reality show, Wife Swap, with over 10 million viewers featured The Stockdale Family Band in 2008. Cable networks continue to air the program in 2011.

With an entertaining and down-home style stage show, the Stockdale’s provide an event that the Whole Family is sure to enjoy.

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Demo videos at [http://www.youtube.com/user/whoismyfarmer#p/u/2/TixP\\_fjzWWY](http://www.youtube.com/user/whoismyfarmer#p/u/2/TixP_fjzWWY)  
<http://www.youtube.com/user/whoismyfarmer#p/u/3/KAqUoMrok4Y>

Church of the Lakes UMC in Canton will sponsor a workshop: “Deepening Your Effectiveness:” Restructuring the Local Church for life Transformation. April 19, 2012

Are you a growing world-changing disciples or just filling seats in the sanctuary? Join Dan Glover and Claudia Lavy for a full day workshop where you will discover:

- A new understanding of the principles of discipleship
- The primary facts about the 6 stages of spiritual development
- Practical ways to apply the principles through a discipleship pathway.

Help the people in your congregation move out of the pews and forward on the most exciting adventure of their lives. [www.deepeningyoureffectiveness.org](http://www.deepeningyoureffectiveness.org)

## CONFERENCE NEWS

### Conference Deadlines:

January 5, 2012 is the deadline for money to be received at the bank for 2011 apportionments  
January 24 is the deadline for End of Year reports to be received in the Conference Treasurer's office.

**Continuing Education Event to be held at Akron First UMC on Saturday, February 4, 2012** from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Rev. Dr. Steve Manskar, the Director of Wesleyan Leadership for the General Board of Discipleship will be presenting a workshop of "Equipping Missional Congregations for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

The event is being co-sponsored by Ashland Theological Seminary and the West Akron Regional Ministry (to be renamed Tree of Life Community Church: A United Methodist Congregation, beginning in January of 2012.

Questions can be directed to Pastor Allan Bever at 740.630.6135. A pdf. File to print brochures is available for download at:

<http://tlccumcltd.blogspot.com/2011/10/equipping-missional-congregations-for.html>.

### Pathways to Ministry Internship Project looking for 2012 Candidates

The Pathways to Ministry Internship Project of East Ohio Annual Conference was established through the Board of Ordained Ministry with the following purposes:

- To identify a diverse group of young adults looking to explore their gifts for ministry
- To nurture the young persons through the process of discerning or clarifying their call or vocation
- To provide a means for a variety of practical ministry experiences
- To assist in building relationships between younger generations of leaders and the church

The Ministry Internship Project is for those who are genuinely open to the idea of God's calling. It is an opportunity to discover whether their gifts and graces match the needs and requirements of ministry within the church.

The program will provide experience in Christian ministry within the United Methodist setting with a peer and mentor group for further reflection and discernment.

At least five college students who have completed two years of study and are between the ages of 19-24 will be selected from applicants from across the East Ohio Conference.

Applications and further information available from Tim Morrison at [tmorrison@spencerchurch.com](mailto:tmorrison@spencerchurch.com) or online at [http://www.eocumc.com/answering\\_call/introduction.html](http://www.eocumc.com/answering_call/introduction.html)

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#### Historian of the year nominations and church anniversary dates requested

The East Ohio Conference Commission on Archives and History is seeking nominations for the Local Church Historian of the Year Award. Nominations with supporting evidence of historical work and activity done by him or her should be submitted by March 1, 2012.

Local churches celebrating significant anniversaries of their founding (100, 125, 150, 175 and 200 years) are asked to send a letter on your church stationery stating your anniversary information by March 1, 2012.

Please send Historian nominations and Church anniversary information to:

Rev. Don Trigg, Chairman, EOC Commission on and History, 130 E. Walnut St., Galion, OH 44833. For further information telephone 330-715-5504, or email [DLT419@aol.com](mailto:DLT419@aol.com). Thank you.



- **Paul David Kofroth**, retired supply pastor on October 16<sup>th</sup> in Cumberland, OH, survived by his wife Mary Kofroth
- **Forrest D. Lamneck**, retired elder on October 28, 2011, survived by his children Stephen, Esther and Miriam.
- **Mary McKenzie**, spouse of Rev. James McKenzie in Bellevue, OH, on November 5, 2011, survived by her husband, Rev. James McKenzie.
- **Frances J. Mustard**, spouse of Rev. W. Paul Mustard (deceased) on November 13, 2011
- **William E. Rufener, spouse of Pastor Mary Ann Rufener, on November 15, 2011**

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