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April 2010-May 2010

Newsletter Deadline –May 10 – 8:00 a.m. EST



Calendar for April:

6-8	Cabinet–CDW
12	District Leadership Mtg.-6:00pm Salem UMC
20-22	Cabinet-CDW
24	Fruitful Congregation Journey—Jacob Finger UMC
26-27	“Our Life Together” Retreat –CDW

Calendar for May:

5	Retiree’s Luncheon at Magdalena’s-Corydon at Noon
14-15	The Bishop’s “Making a Good Move” Seminar
18-20	Cabinet-CDW

Website: www.southinumc.org

Encouragement

There are a lot of things about Olympic athletes that are fascinating—their training regimens, sacrifices, habits, equipment, coaches . . . not to mention their awesome performances. We watch and listen carefully to observe how they conduct themselves. It’s revealing and informative. Many of the practices world class athletes adopt give us clues about how to perform like champions in our own activities.

Maybe you noticed it during the recent Winter Olympic games. The guys who “talk” the skiers into their start. I first noticed it in the Men’s Giant Slalom. As Ted Ligety prepared to start his run, there were a few guys there who were paid to say encouraging things to him before he jumped out of the starting gate. I have learned that the words and style of their encouragement are specially designed for the particular skier in the starting gate at the time. No “one size fits all” encouragement, but special words just for this athlete.

We know words are important. A gruff word can wound. A loving word can help and heal. A warning word can protect.

Apparently words are so important to Olympic skiers that they pay people to shout certain words of encouragement in certain ways to them before they perform.

The words we hear certainly influence our action. Be mindful of the words and influences with which you surround yourself-- others who speak kind, encouraging, and loving words and the words of God found in the Scriptures.

There is no doubt that the words we say influence others in powerful ways. Be mindful of what you communicate with others. Not only the words, but the way they are said. Remember that

eighty percent of what we communicate is nonverbal.

As I’ve heard Ken Callahan say many times, “Positive reinforcement yields more productive results any day than negative reinforcement yields every day.”

**Be careful with the words
you say to others.**

It will help us to encourage others if we remember the “three simple rules,” Bishop Rueben Job’s summary of John Wesley’s General Rules: Do no harm; do good; stay in love with God. They are encouraging imperatives.

The Bible clearly tells us what to do in 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NRSV), “Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.”

Imitate Jesus. Be an encourager. Ponder and pray about the words you use to encourage those around you. You never know. You may be saying the last words someone hears before they lay down a championship run!

Go in peace. Go with God. And be well.

Shalom,

Indiana Conference Center

The Indiana Conference of The United Methodist Church center is now open. The center is located in the Meridian Corporate Plaza 2 building and occupies one-third of the third floor. The building is on the north side of I-465 three blocks east of North Meridian and 103rd Streets on Pennsylvania Parkway.

Address for the new Indiana Conference Center is: Indiana Conference of The United Methodist Church 301 Pennsylvania Parkway, Suite 380; Indianapolis, IN 46280; Phone 317-924-1321 and the web address is: www.inumc.org.

Trip Opportunity

Bishop Michael Coyner will be leading a trip to the Oberammergau Passion Play in August of 2010. Performed once every ten years since 1635, when the Bavarian village of Oberammergau was spared from the Black Plague, this historic passion play will take place again in 2010, featuring over 1,500 cast members. Bishop Michael Coyner will lead a group from Indiana to attend this moving play. The trip also includes many sites in southern Germany and Austria, including Munich, Innsbruck, Salzburg, Italy and the Brenner Pass, as well as castles and churches. This is a nine-day European adventure departing August 3, 2010. John Eckert from the Morton Memorial UMC, is a tour host for this trip. If you are interested in going and need more information please call John at home at 812-590-2225 or on his cell at 812-786-7280.

2009 INDIANA CONFERENCE JOURNAL NOW ONLINE

The 2009 Indiana Conference Journal is now online at www.inumc.org. Click on Annual Conference in the left navigation column, then click on 2009 Conference Journal. The journal is a PDF document and is presented in two formats, either the whole journal or parts of the journal. Since the entire journal is a 754 page document, it will take your computer some time to download. Once downloaded and open, the journal can be saved to your computer.

Indiana Annual Conference Session to Meet June 10-13 in Muncie

- **June 10-13, 2010 in Muncie at Ball State University's Emens Auditorium**
- **Theme: Practice Faith**
- **Keynote speaker will be Bishop Robert Schnase of Missouri**

Opportunities and Items of Interest for Laity and Clergy

Subscribe to e-HUM (electronic Hoosier United Methodist).

Use the Area Website to subscribe to e-HUM and receive free regular e-mails containing news of events, programs, missions, appointments, and more. Subscribers also receive Bishop Coyner's free weekly e-Pistle (weekly devotional writings). For assistance in subscribing, please contact district office.

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New Conference Website: www.inumc.org

• **Future dates for Clergy**

April 26-27	"Our Life Together" Clergy Retreat at St. Luke's, Indianapolis
May 14-15	The Bishop's "Making a Good Move" Seminar
June 10-13	Indiana Annual Conference in Muncie at Ball State
August 3, 2010	Bishop Michael Coyner to lead trip to Oberammergau Passion Play

July 13-17, 2011 National United Methodist Youth Event coming to Purdue

- Retirees' Luncheon to be held at Magdalena's in Corydon on May 5 @ Noon
- Next News and Cues will be for June/July 2010



MINISTRY CLUSTER CALENDAR

River Ridge- Will Meet, April 12, 2010 , 7PM at Charlestown UMC. No meeting planned for May. Contact: Janet Werle, rwerle5113@aol.com

Greater JC- Will meet April 18, 2010, 3PM at Ohio Falls UMC.

Contact: Jim Moon III, jmoon@sicumc.org

Team Jesus-

Contact: Deb Reichenbach, djr5111@msn.com

LOGICS– Will meet April 19, 2010, 7PM at Smith Campground.

Contact: Oren Chumley, 812-968-3701 or Ted Chalk, tedchalk@yahoo.com

Cross Generations– Will meet March 25, 2010, 7:00pm

Contact: Steve Ellis, sellis@lumconline.com or Bobby Campbell, bobethcampbell@yahoo.com

The Serving Seven-

Contact: Gary Davis, gldavis@epowerc.net

River Valley-

Contact: Hazel Byerley, hazelbye@aol.com

United Together Ministry-

Contact: Michael Collins, michealbricecollins@mac.com

NW Floyd County-

Contact: Beverly Perry, revbev1053@aol.com

Imagine Opportunities United Council–

Contact: Annie Savino, annie2354@sbcglobal.net or Billy Craddock, craddockg@bellsouth.net

CSW–

Contact: Bill Mosley, bmosley@haascabinet.com

Solid Rock-

Contact: Ted Senior, senior@hpcisp.com

OLA—Orange/Lawrence County Cluster- Will meet April 11, 2010, 2:00PM at Orleans UMC. Contact: Pat Sinnott, orleansumc@verizon.net

Southern Orange County-

Contact: Matt Henshaw, tkhinshaw@yahoo.com or Pam Cook , paoliumc@verizon.net

Washington County United-

Contact: Charles Pelc, newhopeumc@hotmail.com

Dates for 2010 United Methodist Special Sundays

Here is a listing and dates for the UM Special Sundays in 2010:

- [Native American Ministries Sunday:](#) April 18, 2009
- [Peace with Justice Sunday:](#) May 30, 2010
- [World Communion Sunday:](#) October 3, 2010
- [United Methodist Student Day:](#) November 28, 2010

Each Sunday also requests a special offering and a cause requesting funding. The date for the new Indiana Conference Campus Ministries Sunday with offering has not yet been determined.

Appointments Within Our District:

- Don Smith from New Albany Wesley Chapel to retirement effective 12/30/09.
- Sandra Hamm from retirement to Vienna UMC effective 1/1/10.
- Tony Alstott from Brazil UMC to New Albany Wesley Chapel effective 7/1/10.
- Len Sjogren from New Albany Trinity to retirement effective 6/10/10.
- Bill Shannon from Logansport UMC to New Albany Trinity effective 7/1/10.



CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR MAILING IN CONFERENCE AND DISTRICT TITHES

Did you get a chance to read the latest E-pistle from Bishop Coyner that was sent out March 1st titled Ready, Fire, Aim!? If so, then you are already aware that we are in the process of notifying treasurers of a new address for all Conference and District tithing as well as Advance Giving. The new address is: INUMC, Dept. 6089, Carol Stream, IL 60122-6089. Checks can be written to either the South District or INUMC - either will work. Thank you for your patience as we realign our Aim!. If you are still in need of a blank tithe form, please contact Lynda Alexander at 877-781-6713 or via email at naum-caa@gmail.com

Rejuvenate is:

An educational program for clergy and laity that focuses on financial management and planning and stewardship education. Rejuvenate includes an economic initiative for clergy.

The economic initiative for clergy consists of **four grants**:

- 1. Clergy Education Debt Reduction Grant** – a matching grant that will assist clergy in reducing and/or eliminating their education debt (clergy will identify congregation matching funds)
- 2. Retirement Fund Incentive Grant** - a grant that will pay \$1,000 to 400 clergy per year to make first time personal contributions to the UM Personal Investment Plan (Rejuvenate will identify matching funds)
- 3. Family Emergency Fund Grant** – Rejuvenate will match up to \$1,000 clergy contributions to an Emergency Fund for the duration of the project (Rejuvenate will identify matching funds)
- 4. Called Anew Fund Grant** – a matching fund grant overseen by Bishop Coyner and the Cabinet to assist clergy in transitioning from their pastoral appointment (Rejuvenate will identify matching funds)

Visit Rejuvenate's website www.inumc.org/rejuvenate.org for more information or contact Michelle Cobb, project director (317-924-1321) if you have questions.

SOUTH DISTRICT OFFICE HOURS

The South District Office is located at 1618 Canal Lane, Georgetown, IN 47112. Office hours are Monday through Thursday 8:00am-4:00pm and Friday **9:00am-Noon.**

Please enter through the North door.



Dear New Albany District Family,

I want to thank everyone for the flowers, get well cards, thinking of you cards, phone calls and all the prayers that have gone out for me during my illness and surgery. Friends and good Christian brothers and sisters are wonderful gifts from God to have. God Bless all! Pastor Frank Pendleton

Dear Charlie and South District Clergy,

Thanks so much for the flower arrangement. Thanks so much more for your concern and prayers! I'm blessed because of you. Steve Seitz

Dear Churches & Pastors of the South District,

Thanks for the beautiful flowers; the colors are gorgeous. I appreciate all your thoughts and prayers. I also would like to thank Rev. Finney for coming by the hospital and his prayer. Thank you Rev. Wilfong for your call and prayers. God is so good to us through His children. Betty Huber

“Our Life Together” Clergy Retreat

What: “A Lively Sense of Call”

When: Monday, April 26, 2010 and Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Where: St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 100 W. 86th St, Indianapolis

Why: Recording artist Lisa McLendon, Rev. Tyrone Gordon, senior pastor of the 5,000 member St. Luke “Community” United Methodist Church of Dallas, TX and much, much more!

Mark your calendars now!

District and Conference Items

Remember in your prayers:

Calvin Pierson, Wilma Pierson's husband, recovering.

The family of William H. Martin, retired minister who passed away in January.

The family of Rebecca S. Wacker, administrative assistant at Wesley in Jeffersonville, who passed away in January.

The family of Brent Bagshaw, sound tech at Henryville UMC, who passed away in February.

Taylor Johnson, son of Rev. Tim Johnson pastor at Pfrimmer's Chapel, who was recently diagnosed with Type 1 Juvenile Diabetes.

Randy Jungkurth, pastor, recovering.

Steve Singelstad, pastor at Mt. Lebanon, recovering.

Marie Wright, wife of retired pastor Lloyd Wright, recovering.

Steve Seitz, pastor at Wesley Chapel in New Albany, recovering.

Rev. Pam Cook, pastor at Paoli, UMC whose husband Thurl passed away in March.

Gayle Chalk, wife of Rev. Ted Chalk serving New Middletown UMC, recovering.

Joe Lucas, SPR Chair at Vienna UMC, health concerns.

Betty Huber, wife of pastor Hollis Huber serving Greenville UMC, currently in the hospital.

Rev. Glenda Riggs, pastor at Memphis and Willey's Chapel, whose mother Mary Zeller passed away in March.

District Superintendent, Charlie Wilfong, who is currently in the hospital.

Associate District Superintendent, Bob Ostermeier, who is currently serving on a mission team in Haiti.



Billy Graham School of Evangelism

Both Rev. Wilma Bone and Rev. John Eckert have attended and believe this is a must for every church. They encourage Pastor's to attend and have money for Scholarships for Pastors. For more information, go to www.billygraham.org/SOE.

Billy Graham Training

The Billy Graham Rapid Response (Counselor's in Crisis and Disaster) will be in Jeffersonville at St. Stephens Church on Saturday, May 21, 2010 for a one day training session on Grief Counseling. Cost is \$35.00. Call 1-800-335-1337 to register and get more information.

Grant Workshops for Fruitful Congregations

Rev. Mark Gough, Indiana Conference director of church development, and his staff of associates announces these workshops, dates and locations for the 2010 Fruitful Congregation Journey training events. All workshops will be 9:30am to 12:30pm.

New Worship Service Workshops

April 17-Columbus at Asbury UMC, 1751 27th Street

May 1-Mishawaka at Coalbush UMC, 15977 Jackson Road

Vital Merger Workshops

April 17-Mount Comfort UMC, 3179 N. 600 W. in Greenfield

May 1-Santa Claus UMC, 351 N. Holiday Boulevard

Multi-Site and Off-Site Workshops

April 17-Fort Wayne at Aldersgate UMC, 2417 Getz Road

May 1-Indianapolis at Roberts Park UMC, 401 N. Delaware (downtown)

Registration fee: \$50 per church; an unlimited number of church members can attend. Fee must be paid at the time of registration. Make checks payable to "Indiana Conference." Free for churches with five or more attending (including its pastor) - \$50 registration payment will be returned after the event. For more information, contact cdinfo@inumc.org.

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 at ltice1021@yahoo.com and Melissa Padgett at Melissapadgett@yahoo.com (Co-Chairpersons) or Donna Wilfong, Registrar at dfwilfong@yahoo.com.

Prayer Quote



"A student of mine shared that he believed that all prayer begins with God. This was a totally new idea for me. I had always held the belief that prayer was up to me. I had to initiate the communication; I have to go to God; I had to get God's attention. Considering that God was the initiator of the prayer relationship turned everything upside down. God was already present. God was waiting for me to respond to God's invitation. All I had to do was say yes." (*A Praying Congregation*, Jane E. Vennard: p. 37.)



Southern Indiana Night at the Louisville Bats

Friday, June 18, 2010, at 7:05 p.m. is Southern Indiana Night at the Louisville Bats. The Bats will play host to the Durham Bulls. Centenary United Methodist Men are again coordinating the purchase of tickets as a District wide event. The cost is \$5.00 per ticket. Please make your reservations with the Centenary Church Office, Jennifer Hansen, at 812-944-7696, or by e-mail at centenaryna@sbcglobal.net. **Get your reservations in as soon as possible** so we are assured of having seats together. **Payment is due by June 4, 2010.** There will be fireworks after the game and special prizes during the game. Come out and join us for fun and fellowship.

District Newsletter:

Due to rising postage, production costs and our desire to be better stewards of our resources, we encourage you to please fill out this slip and return it to the District Office. Currently you may go to the district website at www.southinumc.org and subscribe for email notification of when the newsletter is posted to the website. When you receive the email, you may then go to the website and download the newsletter. Should you not have Adobe reader, there is a link on the website to download the latest version at no cost. You can still receive the newsletter by mail if you prefer.

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