

What is CEF?

The Christian Educators Fellowship is a ministry organization that positively affects the educational development of your congregation. CEF is for all persons who serve in Christian Education in the United Methodist Church, as well as non-United Methodist professional educators who serve in other denominations. The membership is open to paid and volunteer staff, as well as associates and pastors.

The Purpose of CEF is...

- To heighten awareness of the value of Christian Education and Spiritual Formation.
- To provide support and fellowship to the whole body of persons engaged in a calling to Christian Education.
- To assist in developing, maintaining, and interpreting standards for the profession.
- To list position openings within the East Ohio Conference.
- To interpret the role of the Christian Educator in the total ministry of the church.
- To cooperate in providing professional training.
- To assist others in discerning a call to Christian Education as a vocation.
- To plan and coordinate experiences for ongoing professional and spiritual growth.
- To promote CEF in the annual conference, the district and local church.
- To be intentional in our involvement with churches of other denominations.

Relationship to National CEF...

As a chartered chapter of the national CEF, we encourage members to belong to the national organization. We provide information and supportive dialogue concerning national meetings, membership, and events. For 2011 only, East Ohio CEF will reimburse East Ohio CEF members \$10 and waive all membership fees if they open a new National CEF membership by November 30, 2011. For Nat'l registration form see: cefumc.org

**Monthly meetings take place at the United Methodist Area Center,
8800 Cleveland Avenue N.W., North Canton, Oh 44720
9:30— Noon**

AND include devotions, business, program, and support time. While there are no scheduled meetings in June, July, and August, we do gather once over the summer for a time of fellowship.

Normal Meeting Schedule:

9:15 a.m.	Gathering
9:30 a.m.	Introductions & Devotions
9:40 a.m.	Program
11:00 a.m.	Break
11:10 a.m.	Business
~ 11:40 a.m.	Prayer Time

Following our CEF meetings there is always a group that goes out to lunch to a local restaurant. You are always welcome to join us for this extra time of fellowship.

If you are able...

Suggested East Ohio CEF membership fees are:

Member:	\$25.00 annually
Associate Member:	\$25.00 annually
Retired Members:	\$12.50 annually
Students:	\$12.50 annually

Membership runs from September to August of each year. Membership fees are due on or *before* the September meeting.

*** Thanks to a grant from the East Ohio Education Committee we are able to offer membership to East Ohio CEF for \$5.00 this year. We encourage those who can afford the above fees to continue to pay them, but WE WANT YOU to be a part of East Ohio CEF so please consider joining us at this reduced rate!**



Christian Educators Fellowship

The United Methodist Church

East Ohio Chapter 2011 - 2012

Where Christian Educators:

◆ *Grow*

◆ *Find Support*

◆ *Share Ideas*

Receive:

◆ *New Resources*

◆ *Hands-On Experiences*

◆ *Networking Opportunities*

A Christian Educator is anyone who is responsible for the Christian education and / or spiritual formation of children, youth and / or adults.

This includes CE directors, Sunday school superintendents and teachers, youth leaders, adult leaders, afterschool program leaders and pastors.

**Find us on Facebook:
Christian Educators Fellowship East Ohio Chapter**

<p>Thursday, September 15th</p> <p>Building Your Financial Future of Hope and Simplicity</p> <p>Presented by Fairhope UMC's Financial Hope Ministry Team, Todd Monter & Ryan Barkan, & Fairhope's Director of Educational Ministries, Kathy Schmucker</p>	<p>Let's face it-these last few years of economic distress have been tough. It's time we get back to the basics, especially around the area of financial planning. Come learn about resources and a workshop intended to re-introduce us to the concepts of simplicity and contentment through the exploration of basic financial management principles. Tips and resources will be presented as we explore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Budgeting/Tracking expenses ◆ Establishing Emergency Fund ◆ How to pay off credit cards/use credit wisely ◆ Practice saving habits ◆ Simplify your lifestyle ◆ Tithing <p>Do you or your congregation struggle with any of the above areas? Would you like to improve and provide resources to help others in any of these areas? Come join us as we try to put hope back into our chaotic, crazy lives.</p>
<p>Tuesday, October 18th</p> <p>CHILDREN ARE THE CHURCH</p> <p><i>Tammy Palerno, Director</i></p> <p><i>Children & Family Ministries, Mentor UMC</i></p>	<p>Tammy explores ways to reach families through programs designed for children. Hear of real implemented ministry that gathers and nurtures children. Take home practical ideas.</p> <p>FOR THIS CEF GATHERING WE WILL BE MEETING AT WILLOUGHBY HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</p>
<p>November 3-5</p> <p>KidZtitude</p> <p>Saturday November 5</p> <p>KidZ Live!</p>	<p>KidZtitude! (Three-day intensive training including KidZ Live!) \$179*</p> <p>KidZ Live! (Half-day practical training) \$29**</p> <p>For more information CONTACT: Marie Grmek, whumc_education@att.net</p> <p><u>Willoughby Hills United Methodist Church</u></p>
<p>Thursday, December 8th (11:30 a.m.)</p>	<p>Lunch at The 356th Fighter Group</p>
<p>Tuesday, January 17th</p> <p>Kaye Wolfinger</p>	<p>Come and meet our Conference Youth leader as she presents from Tim Elmore's book, iY generation.</p>
<p>Tuesday, February 16th</p> <p>CONFLICT AS A MEANS OF GRACE AND GROWTH</p> <p><i>Rev. Jan Yandell</i></p>	<p>Jan offers the Wesleyan concept "third alternative" looking at conflicts that seem to have only two polar resolutions and finding a third creative way to achieve benefit for both parties and not lose integrity of either. Real life church situation is shared.</p>
<p>March 12-13th</p> <p>Monday 1p.m to Tuesday 1p.m.</p> <p>SPRING RETREAT</p> <p>“A Time Apart: Personal Renewal Through Spiritual Disciplines”</p> <p>To be held at: The Jesuit Retreat House Parma, Ohio</p>	<p>“A Time Apart: Personal Renewal Through Spiritual Disciplines” will be offered in Parma, OH at the Jesuit Retreat House by Rev. Carol Topping and Debbie Baker of Hope Springs: Ministries for the Journey (www.hsprings.org). “Ministering to Ministers” is a primary focus of Hope Springs Ministries and this retreat will offer you an opportunity to come away from your ministry work and focus on your own spiritual needs. We will experience practice in spiritual disciplines such as prayer, lectio divina, guided meditation, a prayer walk, discernment and learn about spiritual direction. Bring your journal and a friend, and be prepared to worship, pray and celebrate in this great community of colleagues and friends!</p> <p>WATCH E NEWS FOR REGISTRATION & MORE INFORMATION</p>
<p>Thursday, April 19th</p> <p>Rev. Dan Glover and Claudia Lavy</p> <p>Deeping Your Effectiveness, Inc.</p> <p>Discipleship Training ~ Leadership Coaching ~Ministry Assessments</p>	<p>The Church has one job - to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The Deepening Your Effectiveness Foundational Workshop will change your understanding of how people develop from unchurched to fully committed followers of Jesus, and how you can help them move toward spiritual maturity. You will learn the principles of discipleship, the primary facts about the 6 stages of spiritual development, and how to apply them in practical ways through the use of a discipleship pathway - a template that can be used in any church of any size in any denomination to structure your ministries for life transformation. Help the people in your congregation move out of their comfort zones and forward on the most exciting adventure of their lives!</p> <p>WATCH E NEWS FOR REGISTRATION & MORE INFORMATION</p>
<p>Tuesday, May 15th</p> <p>Terri Dalton</p> <p>East Ohio Pastoral Care Counselor</p>	<p>Each month across the country many church staff leave the ministry, and many more say they'd leave if they had another way to make a living. There are pitfalls to avoid and disciplines and principles you must live by if you are going to go the distance. Find out how to have a fruitful and effective ministry for the long haul.</p>

CEF Membership for September 2011-August 2012
East Ohio CEF membership fees are...
\$5.00* for 2011-2012

We encourage those who are able to continue to pay the suggested membership fee to help the grant money we received stretch further. See reverse side of brochure for more fee information

Name _____

City _____

Address _____

State: _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-mail _____

Church _____

City _____

Address _____

State: _____ Zip _____

Church Phone: _____

District: _____

Preferred Address ___ Home ___ Business

Are you a Member of National CEF ?
 _____ Yes _____ No

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to East Ohio CEF.

Mail check & form to:
Jeff Stoll 7910 S. Depot Rd.
Ashtabula, Ohio 44004

OR bring the check and form to our next meeting.