

Western Reserve Circuit Writer



Western Reserve District Newsletter

September 2023

SUPPORT FOR MAUI

An UMCOR grant is providing food, water, hygiene items and tools to help survivors recover belongings. As first responders continue to provide initial aid, join us in prayer and support for the people of Maui in the aftermath of wildfires.

Support relief and recovery efforts
by donating to UMCOR.



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You can help by donating to EOC Fund 1327 – US Disaster Response & Recovery. The conference forwards 100% of donations to this fund to General Advance 901670 for US Disaster Response. Please include “Maui Wildfire Relief” in the memo.

[Donate to EOC Fund 1327.](#)

[Learn about EOC & UMC Disaster Response.](#)

Western Reserve District of The United Methodist Church

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www.eocumc.com/WesternReserve

— [District News and Events] —

Consultation and Charge Conference Information

As in previous years, **pastoral consultations** will be at the district office in the mornings and **early afternoons** and **SPRC consultations** will be in the evenings beginning September 12. If you need a copy of the schedule, contact Lisa at the district office.

Please turn all forms in by email (if possible) **two weeks before** your scheduled consultation or charge conference. All forms can be found on the conference website forms page: <https://www.eocumc.com/district-forms/index.html>.

Remember that you must **first save** the document to your computer and then reopen it before working with it. **Do not** work in a browser tab.

ALL charge conferences will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2023.

- **10:30am:** Geauga, Portage, and Trumbull County churches at Middlefield First UMC
- **2:00 pm:** Ashtabula County churches at Jefferson UMC
- **4:30 pm:** Lake County churches at Mentor UMC

If anyone needs a refresher or is new to filling out charge conference forms, I am happy to walk you through them. **Good news:** if there have been no changes since last year, you do **NOT** need to fill out either the Church Biography or Trustee forms. **New this year (well, back again after about six years)** is the Local Church History form.

— [District appointment update] —

Karen Hollingsworth has ended her ministry effective 8/31/2023. She has served Lorain: Faith (Firelands) and Mentor Plains. Jeff Stoll is being assigned to Mentor Plains effective 9/10/2023.

Check your church listing!

Please visit the **new** church listing on our district website, <https://www.eocumc.com/westernreserve/churchlisting.html>, and check what is displayed for your church. If you find any updates that need to be made, email them to Lisa. *Please* check **service times**, let me know if you would like me to add Sunday School information, and if your church is difficult to navigate to, consider sending written directions to be included. Thanks for helping keep us up to date!



**Western Reserve District
Lay Servant Ministries Training
September 23, 2023
Middlefield United Methodist Church
14999 S State Ave, Middlefield, OH 44062**

Please Print Legibly:

Name: _____ Home Church: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name as you wish it to appear on your certificate: _____

*Pastor's Signature: _____

Order your books ahead of time from Upper Room at 800.972.0433, at UpperRoom.org/store, Cokesbury.com or Amazon.com

Please check one only: I am taking this class for ☐ Certification; ☐ Education only

Classes - Check which class you wish to attend.

Basic: All first-time candidates and any candidate whose certification has expired. This course guides participants to discover the gifts of caring, leading and communicating and offers practical suggestions for becoming an active congregational servant leader. Book Required- **Lay Servant Ministries – Basic Course** Sandy Zeigler Jackson and Brian Jackson **Participant's Book** • DR626 • 978-0-88177-626-3 • \$12.00 available in ePub and Kindle (\$9.99)

Lay Speaker Course: Life Together in the United Methodist Connection (Polity) This course gives participants an overview of the structure and organization of The United Methodist Church. Book Required **The Method of Our Mission** Lacey C. Warner Participant's Book • AB717 • 978-1-4267-6717-3 • \$23.00

Advance Course: Lay Pastoral Care Giving This course offers insights into the life span and the dynamics of contemporary life to help church leaders reach out with God's love and care to others. Book Required - **Lay Pastoral Care Giving** Tim Farabaugh Participant's Book • DR554 • 978-0-88177-554-9 \$18.00

Please order your book promptly so you have time to read it.

Books must be read before class. Credit will not be given for the class if you have not read the book.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$20.00 per student

REGISTRATION DEADLINE September 9, 2023

Make checks payable to: Western Reserve District – Your registration fee is required with this form.

You are responsible for ordering your own resources.

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DATE: SATURDAY 9/23/23

TIME: 8:00am – 6:00pm

A light lunch will be provided, bring your own reusable water bottles and snacks, if desired.

HOSTED BY: FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of MIDDLEFIELD, 14999 S State Ave, Middlefield, OH 44062

FOR QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION CONTACT: KIMMY FARONE, (440) 724-0062, pastorkimmyumc@gmail.com

**SEND CHECK AND REGISTRATION TO: Dalene Kelly-REGISTRAR ,
C/O Painesville UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 71 North Park Place, Painesville, OH 44077**

Where's the DS?

Rev. Brady will be:

9/5-7: Cabinet Fall Retreat	9/24: preaching at Gustavus
9/10: preaching at Ashtabula	9/26-28: consultations
9/12-14: consultations	9/30: Clergy Day Apart
9/19-21: consultations	10/4-6: Black Clergy Retreat
9/23: wedding at Gustavus	10/10-12: Cabinet

Upcoming Dates:

9/4: District Office Closed	9/27: District Missions Committee
9/12: consultations begin	9/30: Clergy Day Apart
9/20: District Lighthouse/Oasis churches Zoom meeting	10/4: Clergy Day Apart
9/23: Lay Servant Training at Middlefield First UMC	10/4-6: Black Clergy Retreat
	10/14: Charge Conferences

Middlefield UMC will host the Celebration UMC Choir in a benefit concert for the Middlefield pavilion project. Middlefield will also be making a donation to Celebration UMC to support their Farmer-to-Farmer mission. Come out, enjoy some great music, and support a good cause!

Saturday, September 30 at 2:00 p.m.
First United Methodist Church of Middlefield
14999 South State Avenue
Middlefield, OH 44062

Contact the church at office@middlefieldumc.com or 440-632-0480 for more information.

Come Celebrate!

Shoregate United Methodist Church's 3rd Annual

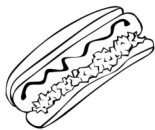


30500 Bayridge Boulevard
Willowick, Ohio
440-943-0382
shoregateumc.org

**Saturday, September 9
12-4pm**

FREE

Entertainment



Food



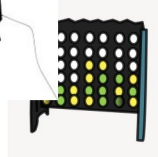
Fun



*"And the name of the city from that time on
will be The Lord is there."*
48:35



Games



Prizes



Sponsored by the United Methodist Church Western Reserve District of the East Ohio Conference

2023-2024

LECTURE SERIES

REGISTER FOR THIS
FREE EVENT HERE:



[www.eastshorechurch.net/
lecture-series](http://www.eastshorechurch.net/lecture-series)



DR. RYAN SCHELLENBERG

Associate Professor of New Testament,
Methodist Theological School in Ohio

Dr. Ryan Schellenberg is an Associate Professor of New Testament in the Dunn Chair of Biblical Studies at Methodist Theological School in Ohio, where he has taught since 2015. Dr. Schellenberg's research illuminates the experience of incarceration in the ancient world, especially among the early Christians. He founded and teaches in MTSO's Inside-Out program, which offers seminary courses at Marion Correction Institution. His recent publications include *Abject Joy: Paul, Prison, and the Art of Making Do* (Oxford University Press, 2021) and *T&T Clark Handbook to the Historical Paul* (T&T Clark, 2022; coedited with Heidi Wendt).

TOPIC

Paul, Prison, and the Justice of God: Reading the New Testament in the Shadow of Mass Incarceration

The development of the New Testament was colored at every stage by incarceration. Many of its most prominent figures were imprisoned, a number of New Testament books were written in prison, and some early Christians prisoners brought their New Testaments to prison with them. This workshop will explore what Paul and other ancient Christians experienced in prison and reflect on what believers today might learn from their stories as we engage with the modern criminal justice system.

**East Shore United Methodist Church
23002 Lakeshore Blvd. Euclid, OH 44123**

SEP | 30th | 2023
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

(216) 261-1688 | eastshorechurchoffice@gmail.com | eastshorechurch.net

On Saturday, August 26, 2023, I went to the Historic Village of Lyme. Inside that village is the first Methodist Church in Ohio, which is called the the Detterman Log Cabin. In 1994, the chapel was moved from the Dellerman farm in Adams Township to the Historic Village of Lyme.

John Heng Dellerman was an immigrant from Prussia who came to Ohio and first settled with his family in Bloomville, then he went on to purchase the Adams Township farm. The Evangelical used to send a circuit rider pastor that spoke German To stop at his home on a regular basis. In 1846, Detterman became a full believer and started a regular class meeting in his home. The Detterman Log Church was built in 1846 on his property and replaced by a wooden one in 1875. In 1992, the chuck was donated to The Bishop Segbert Museum and moved to the Historic Lyme Village.

I encourage everyone to go and see this valuable piece of history. On September 8, 9 th, 2023 from 10 am to 4pm, the Village will be holding Pioneer Days. At this time, they will have all the buildings open, it would be a great educational trip for any one who went.

Attached are some pictures of the Chapel:



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The plaque reads United Methodist Historic Site No. 210 Bishop John Seibert Flatrock Historic Cluster Shrine.

Submitted by Mary Bronson, WR rep. to Conference Commission on Archives & History

Conference News and Events



The theme of this year's retreat is "Preach! Preacher, Preach!"

A joint retreat for the Black clergy of the East Ohio Conference and the West Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church hosted by Bishop Tracy S. Malone and Bishop Gregory V. Palmer.

Featuring guest facilitator (with a team from WomanPreach! Inc.), the Rev. Dr. Valerie Bridgeman, Ph.D.

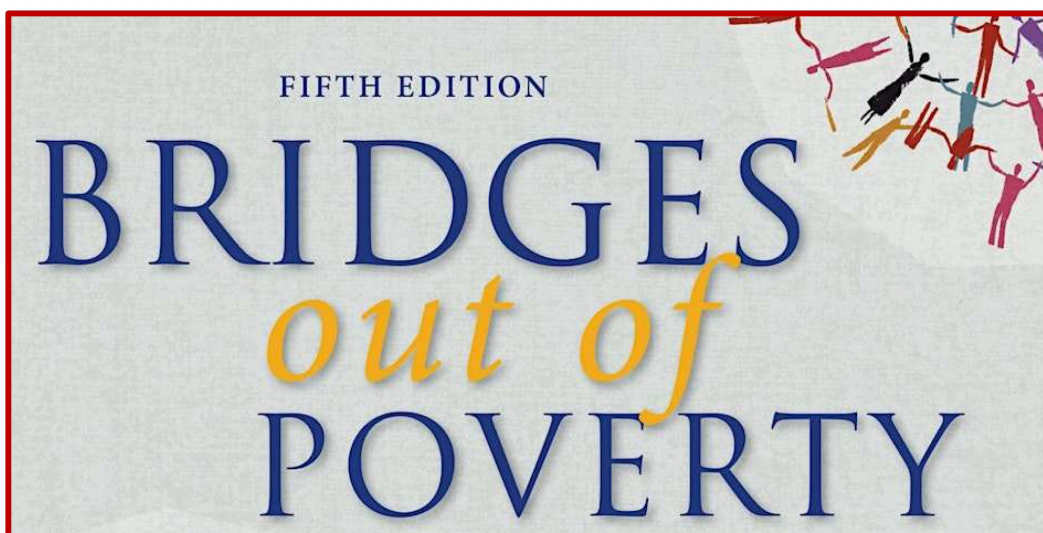
Rev. Dr. Bridgeman is the dean and vice president for Academic Affairs at Methodist Theological School in Ohio and the founder, president, and CEO of WomanPreach! Inc.

Registration includes the following meals:

- Dinner on Wednesday
- Breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Thursday
- Breakfast and lunch on Friday

Overnight accommodations for Wednesday and Thursday night are for rooms at Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center. If you have any questions about the event, please contact Melanie Thomas, EOCUMC Connectional Ministries office administrative assistant, via e-mail at mthomas@eocumc.com or via phone at (330) 499-3972 ext. 102.

Register here: [Bishops' Retreat with Black Clergy 2023 Tickets, Wed, Oct 4, 2023 at 12:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)



BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY COHORT STARTS SEPTEMBER 6

This online cohort is for community leaders to learn to empower, lead, and facilitate the Bridges movement in their community.

When: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month, Sept.-Nov. 2023 and Jan.-Mar. 2024 from 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Where: Online via Zoom

Registration is **FREE**, but you will need to purchase a few books.

Full details and registration at
<https://bridgescohort2023.eventbrite.com>
or scan the QR code with
your cell phone camera.



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FALL 2023 EOCUMC CLERGY DAY APART

*In celebration of you, your call, and for clergy
appreciation month . . .*

Saturday, September 30 and/or

Wednesday, October 4

Both days: 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at Wanake Camp and Retreat Center

The morning will be spent gathering around spiritual practices being led by Debbie Baker, spiritual director with music led by others.

Additional options for the day and afternoon include; 12-minute chair massages, artisan circle conversations,

hikes, painting instruction, ropes course, drumming circle, and naps.

Active Local Pastors, Deacons, Associate Members, Elders (full or part-time) are all invited. You can register for one or both days, the \$10 registration fee includes lunch and most activities.

Use the QR code or the link below for details and registration.



<https://fallclergydayapart2023.eventbrite.com>

**WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US
FOR RENEWAL, CONNECTION, HOPE, AND SABBATH!**



UMVIM TEAM LEADER TRAINING

SUN, OCT. 1, 2023 | 1:00-7:00 p.m.

First UMC, 201 West High Ave., New Philadelphia, OH, 44663

Enjoy a day of fellowship & conversation to learn best practices for leading a mission team locally, nationally, or internationally.

This training is FREE (includes a meal & the required conference background check). The manual will be emailed as a pdf, print copies available by request. An optional book, *The Mission Journey*, will be available for purchase for \$17.00. If you order this optional book, you will receive it at the training.

LAST DAY TO REGISTER IS SEPT. 27

Online registration at

https://UMVIM_TL_newphilly.eventbrite.com



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Registration form for UMVIM Team Leader Training on 10/1/23.

Paper registrations must be received by 9/27/23.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

FULL ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

CHURCH _____ DISTRICT _____

FOOD ALLERGIES OR ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS _____

☐ Team Leader Training FREE

☐ Mission Journey Handbook (optional) \$17

Make checks payable to:

East Ohio Conference UMC

Memo: Fund 9046 UMVIM Leadership

Mail to:

EOCUMC Attn Melanie Thomas

PO Box 2800

North Canton, OH 44720



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Plan for a retreat at camp!

There is a misconception that when summer camp is over, we close up the camp and plan for next summer. But that is not the reality for the East Ohio Camps sites. As summer staff and campers head back home, year-round camp directors and staff switch gears to retreat ministry mode and are just as busy as during the summer camp season. Retreat guests have the opportunity to rest, relax and reconnect with each other and God as they head down the right path.



Retreats offer encounters that can change the lives of individuals and the group in amazing ways. They are:

- *Encounters with God* – stepping away from the fast-paced lives we live can allow for periods of rest, renewal and reconnection with God.
- *Encounters with Others in Community* – folks long for connection, but lack time and practice at forming new relationships. Retreats can offer a safe place to connect with others.
- *Encounters with the Creation* – there is great spiritual benefit to being outdoors. The creation opens people to God in special ways.

Every year, we host youth groups, Bible study groups, United Methodist Women's circles, and many others who take time to connect with God, with nature and with each other. We provide accommodations year round for small intimate settings or a large group gatherings.

If you want to find out more about the three retreat sites, visit www.EastOhioCamps.com.

GLOBAL MINISTRIES EARTHKEEPERS

EarthKeepers Training Opportunities in October

If you'd like to act on the call to care for God's creation, Global Ministries' EarthKeepers program can help you to make a lasting difference. EarthKeepers is a training program that equips laity and clergy to launch and grow environmental projects in their communities. When you become an EarthKeeper, you receive training in project planning, community organizing, ecotheology, and antiracism. You also connect with a whole community of United Methodists who are passionate about caring for the earth. Back home, you'll receive ongoing project support and technical guidance as you carry out your project. Training will be held October 5-8, 2023 in three locations: Birmingham Alabama, Denver Colorado and Hartford Connecticut. Except for your transportation to the training location, the cost of the program is underwritten by Global Ministries. To learn more and to apply, go to: EARTHKEEPERS





184th Convocation

**United Methodist
Historical Society
of Ohio**

**October 13 & 14, @ John Stewart UMC,
2023 Upper Sandusky, Ohio**

*Friday, October 13, planned program 1 p.m. – 5 p.m., check out
local sites such as Wyandot Mission Church, Wyandot County
Museum, Wyandot County Courthouse, and more.*

*Saturday, October 14, planned program 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m., lunch included*

*Come connect with other church historians, history buffs,
learn about resources, and our shared history.
Everyone is invited!*

Questions, contact
Christy Culver, Vice President, UMHSO,
cculver1467@att.net
or visit www.umhso.org

POVERTY SIMULATION

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

First UMC of Macedonia
1280 East Aurora Road, Macedonia, OH 44056

**FREE & OPEN
TO EVERYONE!**

**Youth
Laity
Clergy**



Poverty is a reality for many individuals and families. But unless you've experienced poverty, it's difficult to truly understand. The Community Action Poverty Simulation (CAPS) bridges that gap from misconception to understanding. CAPS is an interactive, immersion experience. It sensitizes community participants to the realities of poverty. **This is a simulation, not a game.**

Details and registration at:

<https://povertysimulationmacedonia.eventbrite.com>

Hosted by the Nordon Hills Community Connection,
facilitated by The East Ohio Conference of The UMC Connectional Ministries



Microgrants Offered

The Connectional Ministries office of Strategic Ministries and the Board of Congregational Development offer microgrants designed to help any church whose leadership is visioning a new future and focused on those not yet with us by experimenting with new ministries! Churches can request **\$2,000 or less** for any new or upcoming ministry that is designed to reach those outside the current church membership. From Fresh Expressions to small groups meeting in restaurants and so much more, these grants are designed to support creative and innovative ministries from our local churches.

The deadline to apply for a microgrant is Friday, Oct 6 – but there is no need to wait until then. Apply today! If you have questions about the grants, please [e-mail Rev. Beth Ortiz](#).



Retirement with a Purpose

NOMADS (Nomads on a Mission Active in Divine Service) are retirees who travel in their RVs to mission sites all around the US to volunteer their time doing new construction, remodeling and repairs at United Methodist related agencies like local churches, camps, shelters, children's homes and more. Some NOMADS serve full time while others serve only a few weeks each year. To learn more about this division of Global Ministries and how you can get involved, go to <https://www.methodistnomads.org>.

Did you know that Global Ministries has more than 300 missionaries serving God's mission in more than 60 countries around the world? Local churches are needed to be part of the work of these missionaries through prayer and salary support. To learn more about how you, your small group or your congregation can be a partner in the ministry of one of our missionaries, go to: [Covenant Partner Relations](#). Questions? Contact Kate at kate_colbow@yahoo.com.





**ARE YOU DREAMING A
GOD-SIZED DREAM FOR
THE WORK OF
BUILDING THE
KINGDOM OF GOD AND
NEED HELP FUNDING
THAT DREAM?**

**THEN REGISTER FOR THE GRANT WRITING SEMINAR
ON OCTOBER 23 FROM 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.
AT ASHLAND FIRST UMC IN ASHLAND, OH**

Keynote Speaker will be Rev. Don Ackerman of Canton For All People.

Small group workshops will be lead by:

- Constance M. Clark, Founder & President of MISSION POSSIBLE: Nonprofit Solutions, LTD.
- Rev. Joy Fenton-Jones, UCC Pastor & Rev. Gregory Kendrick, Elder at Jubilee Co-op Parish
- Susan O'Donnell Black, Exec. Dir. of the UM Foundation of West Ohio
- Rev. Brian Sheetz, Exec. Dir of the UM Foundation of Ohio

The cost is only \$10 to cover lunch and refreshments!

Full details and registration at

<https://grantwritingseminar.eventbrite.com>

or scan the QR code with your smartphone camera.



Contact Rev. Kathy Dickriede, EOCUMC Connectional Ministries Director of Missions and Community Engagement, with any questions: kdickriede@eocumc.com



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Hope Ridge UMC

Children's Ministry Area Coordinator - # RidgeKidz Leader

Part Time – Exempt Position (September – May) Reports to Pastor

#RidgeKidz is Sunday School for children K-5. Classes take place during 10:30 worship.

#RidgeKidz operates from September to May on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th (5th) Sundays

\$500.00 per month (Sept. - May)

Basic Requirements

- Pass a background check administered by Hope Ridge office.
- Must possess a genuine and demonstrable love of children.
- Open to learning and constructive criticism
- Able to maintain professional conduct and personal practices as found in the Hope Ridge Employee Handbook
- Ability to sit or stand for extended periods of time.
- Must be able to crawl, stoop, kneel, or crouch in order to interact with children.
- Must be mobile to include ascending and descending stairs.
- Must have reliable transportation.
- Ability to work independently without supervision.
- Adherence to Hope Ridge Child Protection and Safe Sanctuary policies.

Specific Requirements

- High School Graduate plus proven experience with children.
- 2-5 years creating, editing, presenting Christian children's curriculum.
- 2-5 years teaching Children's Sunday School
- Demonstrated administrative skills.
- Proficiency with MS Office products; Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook

Responsibilities

- Recruit, train, and schedule volunteers to assist with teaching.
- Set up, lead session and reset the room.
- Order supplies and materials as necessary
- Communicate at least bi-weekly with parents re; scheduling, activities, curriculum, etc.
- Research and select appropriate Church School curriculum for ages 5-11
- Work with pastor and Nurture Chair to develop creative and meaningful #Ridgekidz classes and activities.
- Monitor hardware/software needs in the #RidgeKidz ministry area.

Work Schedule

- Sunday mornings from 9:30 – 12 noon and special services/holidays as necessary
- Attendance at 8:45 worship, special services as necessary as well as Ash Weds, Holy Thurs., Good Friday, Easter, Christmas Eve, and Christmas day.
- Attend staff meetings as necessary (Zoom or in person)



Free! Used Preschool Chairs– 2 sizes

13.5" seat, 11.5" from ground

Yellow: Qty 15

Red: Qty 16

11" seat, 13.5" from ground

Yellow: Qty 7

Blue: Qty 6

Red: Qty 6

Call Stacey 440-639-8817

or email preschooldirector@hoperidge.com

to arrange pick up at

Hope Ridge UMC

9870 Johnnycake Ridge Rd

Mentor, OH, 44060

Willoughby UMC: PT Children's Education Coordinator

Willoughby UMC is seeking a part-time Children's Education Coordinator. The position provides inspirational and encouraging leadership to provide vision and direction for all aspects of the Children's ministry (nursery/preschool-5th grade). This includes identifying and recruiting gifted servants as partners in team ministry and care for the spiritual growth and well-being of all children (within the church, the community, and beyond).

This includes:

- selection of appropriate and effective Sunday school curriculum;
- coordination of special programs (Back to school, Advent/Christmas, Lent/Easter, etc.);
- leadership for Vacation Bible School, Messy Church, and Commission on Education;
- encouragement, equipping and empowering of lay servants and teams
- development of relationships with families of the children

A complete job description and application form are available upon request at spr@willoughbyumc.org.

All employees of Willoughby UMC are required to live into the church's Safe Sanctuary policy which includes a background check.

Applicants may submit their completed application form and resume to the Staff Parish Relations Committee at spr@willoughbyumc.org.

The former Vernon UMC/ Living Water UMC has maybe 100 or so United Methodist Hymnals they would like to give away. If interested, please contact Pastor Ron McIlvaine at 440-487-5103.

Middlefield First UMC: PT Worship Music Coordinator

Middlefield First UMC is seeking a part-time Worship Music Coordinator/ Team Leader.

Qualifications and Abilities would include:

- ~ Piano and/or guitar proficiency
- ~ Ability to read and play from regular notation as well as chord charts
- ~ Ability to sing and lead others in singing
- ~ Familiarity with traditional hymns and contemporary music to provide a blended style of worship
- ~ Fully support the mission, vision and worship philosophy of Middlefield First United Methodist Church

Responsibilities:

- ~ Plan worship services in consultation with the Pastor and select music for Sunday and special services
- ~ Arrange music to accommodate the various capabilities of the praise teams and coordinate the necessary musicians and vocalists for each service
- ~ Direct weekly rehearsals and play for worship services

Time Requirements:

- ~ Part-time position, 12 calendar months per year.
- ~ Breakdown: Per month – 6 hours rehearsal; 6 hours for 1 worship service per Sunday; plus planning time with pastor, and prep time.
- ~ Total: 30 hours per month, for 12 months;
- ~ plus 20 hours for special services and rehearsals/writing, arranging

This is a paid position.

Interested applicants should email resume to: office@middlefieldumc.com

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