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North Central District News

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Summer Seminary Intern

The North Central District has a summer seminary intern, Amy Pritchard, available to help do ministry as a pulpit fill, Vacation Bible School, work camp, teaching small groups, or help to give leadership to a project of your choosing. Contact the North Central District office to schedule Amy. She will be available on a first-come, first served basis.

Pastor and Staff Parish Relations Evaluations

If you have not submitted your evaluations, please submit them as soon as possible. Thank you!

Check Your Wireless Mics

Wireless mics and in-ear monitors that operate in the 700 MHz band will need to be replaced by the June 12, 2010 deadline set by the Federal Communications Commission. This is part of the digital television transition process that was completed last June. Operators of wireless mics were given an additional year to replace them because the 700 MHz band width is now used by police, fire and other emergency services as well as wireless broadband. Continued use of wireless mics operating in the 700 MHz frequency can cause dangerous interference with emergency service providers. Check the label on your device. Any items operating between 698 MHz and 806 MHz will need to be replaced.

Find out more by calling 888-225-5322 (888-CALL-FCC). To recycle your microphone, contact your local hazardous waste collection program or find more information at www.earth911.com/electronics or www.nrc-recycle.org/localresources.aspx.

Operation Classroom

A truck will be parked on the Ball State campus, in the same location as last year, and open for you to bring your supplies for the UM Church in Liberia or Sierra Leone. The truck will be open each day of Conference until after dinner. They will be collecting health kits for teachers, layette kits, and sewing supplies. Information on what is contained in the kits and supplies for sewing can be found on the back of the Annual Conference registration packet, at www.operationclassroom.org, or www.inumc.org.

Practice Faith

Annual Conference

June 10, 11, 12, 13

Ball State University

Muncie, IN

Pastor Support Group

A pastor Support Group begins in June for pastors or others who had to leave their congregational leadership positions in the past five years. The group meets weekly for 10 weeks from mid-June to mid-September at Christian Theological Seminary, 1000 W. 42nd St., Indianapolis. Time and specific days are yet to be determined. When one is forced to leave his or her pastoral position, such a loss can be a devastating blow to the pastor and his or her family. The purpose of this group is to discover ways to experience healing and possibly a path of restoration to public ministry. Strict confidentiality is assured. If interested, contact Mark Graeser, M.Div., at mgraeser@cts.edu or 317-931-2379, extension 5135.

Vocal Artistry Tour

The Vocal Artistry method, developed by internationally-acclaimed vocal coach Tim Carson, has been featured at churches and conferences across North America, offering singers of all skill levels the tools they need to sing contemporary Christian music with freedom, strength, expression and style. At this event, your vocalists will learn how to improve their abilities, regardless of their current skill level, through vocal tools that help them release tension, expand their vocal range and sing with authentic expression in worship. This event will take place Friday, June 25, 6:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. thru Saturday, June 26 from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Granger Community Church, 630 E. University Dr., Granger, IN. To find out more about this event go to vocalartistry.com/worshipleader or call 877-497-1667. Early bird registration ends June 22.

Holiday World Tickets

Holiday World is offering tickets for \$30 (gate cost is \$41.95). The dates are July 2-20. The sales benefit the Southwest District Santa Claus Campground. If you would like to find out more information, please contact Priscilla Campbell, rscpkb@sbcglobal.net.

Annual Gathering for Retired Ministers, Spouses and Surviving Spouses' Fellowship

The former North Indiana Conference has had for many years a Retirees' Fellowship (which includes all spouses) that usually meets twice a year, plus an Annual Conference banquet, for times of fellowship, entertainment, and edification. This group is inviting retired ministers, spouses and surviving spouses from the entire state. The agenda will be Bishop Duecker and Rev. Jean Brindel sharing the vision of the Epworth Forest project. They would appreciate reservations for the meeting and a \$5.00 registration to cover the meal. Mail, call, or email to Rev. David Hogsett, 1812 Hope Blvd., Plymouth, IN 46563; 574-936-6927; davidh15503@embarqmail.com. Register for either date: July 15 at Wesley Manor, 1555 N. Main, Frankfort or August 3 at Epworth Forest, 8580 E. Wesley Lane, North Webster.

School of Christian Mission

The School of Christian Mission will be July 13-16 with a Saturday Sampler on July 17 at Anderson University, Anderson, IN. For more information, you may contact Lourdes Manning, 765-625-0077.

Youth Events

Exploring Ministry, a retreat for exploring God's call in the vocation of ministry for those who have finished their junior year in high school, will be held Saturday, June 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the University of Indianapolis. There is no charge for this event. For registration information, direct calls to Brenda Gross at extension 1040. Overnight lodging is available on Friday, June 25 for \$50. Registration for this event is online at www.inumc.org/registration.

The **Fall Youth Rally** will be August 29, 2010 at Epworth Forest. Featuring comedian and illusionist, Jared Hall; speaker and artist, Eric Samuel Timm; and singer/songwriter, Nick Stanton. Register online and find more information at www.beacamper.com/fallyouthrally.html.

The **Bishop's Confirmation Rally** will be March 12, 2011 from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the First UMC, Noblesville. Early registration deadline is February 22. Featuring Bishop Mike Coyner, Pastor Scott Greene of Sunrise UMC in Fort Wayne, and Matt Hatelman with the Noblesville First Praise Band. John Wesley will also drop by. The day will close with communion served by Bishop Mike. Details are available at www.inumcyouth.org.

Clergy Spouse Retreat

The 2010 Clergy Spouse Retreat will be September 19-21 at Turkey Run State Park, Marshall, IN. The speaker will be Jackie Chandler, "Body, Mind & Spirit Care: Being a Healthy Clergy Spouse." The retreat is an opportunity to get-away, fellowship with other clergy spouses, and enjoy a wonderful speaker. Please direct any questions to Lauren Ice, ltice1021@yahoo.com, and Melissa Padgett, melissapadgett@yahoo.com, (co-chairpersons) or Donna Wilfong/Registrar, dfwilfong@yahoo.com.

United Methodist Women Fall Meetings

The fall meeting for the North Central District United Methodist Women will be Sunday afternoon, September 26 at Kemp UMC, 228 N. Main St., Tipton and the Indiana Conference Annual Event and Celebration will be October 9 at the Castleton UMC.

Condolences

Kenneth M. Austin, father of Rev. Steve Austin (Pendleton First UMC) died Saturday, May 29. Viewing will be Wednesday, June 2 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Goodwin's Memorial Chapel, 3220 E. State Road 124, Bluffton, IN 46714 (260/824-3852). The funeral service will be Thursday, June 3 at 10:00 a.m. at Bluffton Epworth UMC, 1204 W. Cherry St., Bluffton IN 46714 (260/824-5510). Condolences may be sent to Rev. Steve Austin, 1022 Porto Bello Road, Pendleton, IN 46064.

Foster grandson of Rev. Paul Wohlford, retired pastor, passed away. Condolences may be sent to Rev. Paul J. Wohlford, 1306 W. 5th St., Anderson, IN 46016-1088.

Area & Cluster Events

Praise Fest

Praise Fest at St. Mark's UMC, Carmel is a weeklong celebration kicking off with three free concerts Friday-Sunday, June 4-6. From contemporary Christian rock to a performance by the Gospel Music Channel's 2010 Small Choir Most Powerful Voices winner, this exceptional entertainment line-up will light the spirit in all ages! All events are free and open to the public.

- Contemporary Christian rock band, "Follower," Friday, June 4 at 7:00 p.m.
- Drums, steel pan and other percussion instrument orchestra, "Praise Pandemic Steel Orchestra," Saturday, June 5 at 7:00 p.m.
- Most Powerful Voices, "James Andrews and New Seasons," Sunday, June 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Breakfast, Bake Sale, and Rummage

The Russiaville UMW will be sponsoring a breakfast, bake sale, and rummage in the church's fellowship hall during Russiaville's Western Days Festival, June 4, 5, and 6.

- Rummage Sale, June 4 from 7:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m., June 5, 7:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
- Breakfast, June 5 from 7:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.—Adults, \$6.00, Children (4-10 years), \$3.00
- Bake Sale, June 5 from 7:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Jane Hoepfner to Speak

The widow of the last Terry Hoepfner, coach of the Indiana University football team until his death three years ago, has written a new book Never Ever Quit. She will speak about the book in the Fellowship Hall of Fishers UMC on Sunday, June 13, 6:30 p.m., accompanied by her co-author, Terry Hutchens, a sportswriter for the Indianapolis Star. Jane will autograph books which will be sold for \$20 each with \$5 being donated to the "Come to Me" Food Pantry. Invite friends and neighbors to hear Jane's powerful story and witness.

John Nilsen, Piano soloist

Piano soloist, John Nilsen will hold a concert at Kemp UMC in Tipton on Saturday, June 19 at 7:00 p.m. John has appeared with Jose Feliciano and Kenny G, among others. Check out his YouTube video under the name "Magic Wing." A freewill offering will be received.

North Central District Website

The North Central District website is a page within the Indiana Conference website. When you go to the Indiana Conference website www.inumc.org, select "Districts," and then "North Central." The link to the website is <http://www.inumc.org/districts/detail/22>.