

# North Central District News

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## District Office closed on Monday, September 6 for Labor Day

### Lay Speaker School

The Central and North Central Districts will be having a Lay Speaker School on Saturday, November 6. More information will be coming.

### Indiana U.M. Loan & Savings Ministry, Inc.

The Indiana U.M. Loan & Savings Ministry was created solely to serve Indiana U.M. churches and agencies. As the three Indiana Foundations finalize their vision for merging, the Loan Fund would like you to feel confident that they are receiving deposits and providing services for our investors as they have since 2001. By investing with the Indiana U.M. Loan & Savings Ministry, you can serve in God's ministry while earning higher than average interest rates. Visit their website at [iumlf.org](http://iumlf.org) or call them for more information at 866-669-2327.

### Charge Conferences

The North Central District charge conference schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, October 5—Hamilton County and Hope United Clusters—7:00 p.m. at Emmanuel UMC, 16000 Cumberland Rd., Noblesville

Wednesday, October 13—Argylls, Eastbrook, Grant 7, Oak Hill, Madison, Small Town, and South Madison Clusters—7:00 p.m., Hanfield UMC, 101 N. 400 E., Marion

Tuesday, October 19—Howard/Miami, Kokomo 6, and Pray First Clusters—7:00 p.m. at St. Luke's UMC, 700 E. Southway Blvd., Kokomo

Sunday, October 24—Boone County, Clinton, Clinton Central, and Frankfort Clusters—6:00 p.m. at Centenary UMC, 910 Fordice Road, Lebanon



**Charge conference reports are due two weeks before the date of your charge conference. The reports are now available at [www.inumc.org](http://www.inumc.org). If you have problems printing off the forms, please contact the District office.**

## **"Energize!!!" - 2010 Convocation for Pastors**

The 2010 Convocation for Pastors: "*Energize!!! Your Life, Your Faith, Your Ministry, Your Congregation,*" October 10-12 at the Holiday Inn, 2480 Jonathan Moore Pike, Columbus, IN. Registration information may be found at [www.inumc.org](http://www.inumc.org). The registration fee is \$125 and can be made online. Registration deadline is Friday, October 1.

Make your own reservations with the Holiday Inn by calling 812-372-1541. Inform Holiday Inn you are with the United Methodist Pastors Convocation. **Deadline for hotel registration with reduced rates is September 15.**

## **Intentional Growth of Congregational Cultures of Generosity**

Dr. Bill Enright of the Lake Institute on Faith and Giving will help to discover new tools that will assist you and your financial leadership team in creating "cultures of generosity" within your congregations. The four night workshop will be held at the Irvington UMC, 30. N. Audubon Rd., Indianapolis, on September 13-16, 2010.

The four night workshop, "Creating Congregational Cultures of Generosity" will cover the following topics: "The Altered Landscape of Religious Giving and Its Implications for the Future," "Creating a Congregational Culture of Generosity: Talking about Money with Theological Integrity," "Creating a Congregational Culture of Generosity: Donor Care as an Extension of Pastoral Care," and "Creating a Congregational Culture of Generosity: The Roots of Generosity: Fiscal Transparency & Institutional Accountability."



Register online at [www.inumc.org/register](http://www.inumc.org/register). Contact Michelle Cobb, Project Director of Rejuvenate, if you have any questions—877-781-6706.

## **Positions Available**

**Music Director** needed at Shiloh UMC, Kokomo. The salary is negotiable. Send resume to Shiloh UMC, Attn.: Lori, 5741 W. 100 N., Kokomo, IN 46901-3793.

**Weekday PM custodian and a weekend custodian** is needed at First UMC, Noblesville. Both positions require the ability to do heavy lifting (up to 100 lbs.). Would prefer someone with custodial experience. Hours for the weekday PM custodian would be Monday-Friday, 2:00 p.m. through 10:00 p.m. The weekend custodial position would require eight hours both Saturday and Sunday with flexibility to work special events. For more information, please contact Lita Russell at the church office, 317-773-2500.

## **Youth Events**

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](http://www.inumcyouth.org).

## United Methodist Women Fall Meetings

### North Central District UMW Fall Meeting

The UMW Fall meeting will be Sunday, September 26 at Kemp UMC, 228 N. Main St., Tipton. Registration is at 1:30 p.m. The meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m. Join them as they celebrate the "Year of New Beginnings" of 2010 and prepare for 2011. Program resources will be available. You are invited to bring either completed Health Kits or items for them. Requested items must be new and specifically as described: one hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27", No kitchen towels), one washcloth, one comb (large and sturdy, not pocket sized), one nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers), one bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up), one toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-size brushes), six adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages, one one-gallon zip-seal plastic bag, \$1 to purchase toothpaste (to ensure product does not expire before being shipped.)

### Indiana Conference UMW—Fall Annual Celebration

Join Indiana women and children as together we celebrate our PURPOSE to know God, be a supportive community and be in mission. Children and youth are encouraged to attend both days.

Friday, October 8, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.—A fun time for all ages to get acquainted—games, pizza, and beverages. Flexible time, so come and go as you please. Freewill offering for pizza.

Saturday, October 9, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

- Celebration of worship, music and communion
- Election and installation of conference officers
- Focus Groups
- Mission: Units are asked to collect items to complete any of the three mission kits. These will be assembled on Saturday. Information on the Mission Kits can be found at the UMW Conference website <http://www.gbgm-umc.org/indumw/> - click on Events and Resources.



**Pastors/North Central District churches—Some of the UMW units are not receiving the North Central Connection, the District UMW newsletter. If you could provide a name and phone number or email address of one woman in your church, it would be greatly appreciated. Please get this information to Janeen Burrows—765-659-4227 or [burrowsjj@comcast.net](mailto:burrowsjj@comcast.net).**

## Area & Cluster Events

### Beth Moore Bible Study, St. Mark's UMC, Carmel

St. Mark's UMC, Carmel is hosting a study using "Beloved Disciple: The Life and Ministry of John," by noted author Beth Moore beginning Wednesday, September 8. The 11-week study will meet each Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. through November 17 with weekly video lessons and discussions combined with daily assignments. This study focuses on John's lifelong journey with Christ and his three letters that left a legacy of divine love. Workbooks will be available to registered participants at the first session for \$15. Childcare is provided during each of these studies with advance registration. To register for either of these studies visit, [www.stmarkscarmel.org/studies](http://www.stmarkscarmel.org/studies) or email [staff@stmarkscarmel.org](mailto:staff@stmarkscarmel.org). For more information, call St. Mark's at 317-846-4912.

### Ford Street UMC, Lapel, Celebrates 120 Years

Ford Street UMC, 925 Ford St., Lapel, will celebrate their 120th anniversary on Sunday, September 12. The day's events will include a special "old style" worship service, catered dinner, afternoon program of memories and music followed by dessert and coffee which will feature favorite "sweet treat" recipes from generations past and present. The public is invited to share in the anniversary celebration on September 12. Reservations are required for the catered lunch and can be made through the church office at 765-534-3314, Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-noon. A free-will offering will be collected for the meal.

**Blood Drive**

The Russiaville UMC will be sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive on September 18 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at 180 N. Union St., Russiaville.

**Beth Moore Bible Study, St. Luke's UMC, Kokomo**

Beth Moore Bible Study, "Faithful, Abundant, True," starting September 22 on Wednesdays and Thursdays for seven weeks from 5:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St. Luke's UMC, 700 E. Southway Blvd., Kokomo. If you have questions, please call the church at 765-453-0555.



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