



# North Coast Crossings

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## "No Other Gods"

As we head off to another Annual Conference and the summer season, I have several thoughts to share. First, one of the best parts of Annual Conference is worship. Second, I remember a Bishop many years ago, who challenged us by saying that we are all "published theologians." Certain that I wanted to argue with his ridiculous proposal, I was struck by its profoundness, when he suggested that we merely need to look at our checkbook registry and there we would find an articulation of our beliefs and priorities. We pay for the things we treasure most. We contribute to the things we believe in most. This summer might be a time when we take stock of our beliefs and how we prioritize them.

I often reflect upon that Bishop's challenge when I look at church budgets. I am also reminded of Exodus 20:2-6 and the first two commandments: 1) that we are to worship no other gods, 2) that we are not to make graven images or idols. *Does this speak to us as we live in a culture where one of the most popular TV past-times is to seek for a new "American Idol"?*

Very often our church budget (or better yet, church check book) does really express a church's core values. I love church buildings, but the reality is that we are far too focused on keeping our buildings open than on sharing Christ within our local communities. We have churches that spend more on their utilities than on the pastor's compensation package.



**Rev. H. Daniel Drew**

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## Changing of the Charges

The most noted use of the term "Changing of the Guard" is related to the ceremonial event at Buckingham Palace. The guards stationed in front of Buckingham Palace are not just ceremonial guards but are also serving Soldiers. While upholding the traditions of the past, they also perform duties throughout the world as professional soldiers and are known as some of the most elite and skilled soldiers in the British Army.



This same term "changing of the guard" is one way that I think of our United Methodist Annual Conference season. It is a time when some are appointed to new charges, others retire and still others remain where they have been for a year or more. But whether or not the location of our ministry changes, this season should prompt new beginnings.

As the Soldiers who guard the Palace, we are to uphold the traditions of the past. However, we must also be challenged to honor the basic tenet of the church – to make disciples for Jesus. Ministry requires us to find that critical balance between tradition and innovation. As we are transformed, let us take time to evaluate our strategies for helping others on their journey to spiritual maturity.

**Rev. V. Yvonne Conner**

Shalom to you my friends! *Yvonne* Rev. Dr. V. Yvonne Conner, District Associate

## " No Other Gods " ( Continued from page 1 )

We have churches that spend more on building maintenance than on mission and ministry.

Unfortunately, it is easy to feel more obligated to the gas company than to the mission for Christ in the world. Unfortunately, it is easy to be more committed to our small church family, than it is to reaching out to see that the greater family of Christ is growing in the world.

This summer I hope each of us will take some time to reflect upon our real "theology." What do we believe about God? As this summer will lead us to a new fall season of Charge Conferences and budget setting for the church year of 2009, my prayer is that we will take some time to examine our "core values" and how they are expressed in our budgets.

May God bless journeys and our reflections upon God's presence in our lives.

*H. Daniel Drew*, East Ohio Superintendent Assigned to the North Coast District

### Known Appointment Changes (as of June 4, 2008) North Coast District

**Rev. Edgar A. Brady**, from Cleveland: Mount Pleasant to Twinsburg: Faith

**Rev. William Buckeye**, from Pleasant Hills to Bay

**Rev. Sarah N. Cerreto**, from Uhrichsville: First (Tuscarawas) to Pleasant Hills

**Rev. Rollin Conway**, from Bay to retirement

**Rev. Neriah Edwards**, from Fields to Cleveland: Mount Pleasant

**Rev. Julianne Gebbie**, to Hathaway (also at Maple Heights)

**Rev. Debbie Gibbons** from Cleveland: Nottingham to Akron: Good Shepherd and Woodlawn (Canal)

**Rev. Elizabeth Hadler**, elder from Minnesota Conference to Brunswick, associate pastor

**Rev. Charles Hofmeister, III**, from Twinsburg: Faith to retirement

**Rev. Neal M. Kelly**, from Salem: First (Mahoning Valley) to Fields

**Rev. Kerry King** from Cleveland: Christ to Minerva (Tuscarawas)

**Rev. Cindy Theobald** from Peninsula to Canton: Simpson (Tuscarawas)

**Rev. Richard Kretchmar** from Elyria: Zion to Birmingham and Berlin Heights (Firelands)

**Rev. Kenneth E. Maddox**, from Cleveland: East Glenville to medical leave

**Rev. H. Ben Magee**, from Chagrin Falls to retirement

**Roland Moore**, elder from West Ohio, to Cleveland: East Glenville and Nottingham

**Rev. Jan Munsey** from Lakewood: Cove UMC to Peninsula (Canal)

**Rev. H. George Myers**, from Macedonia (Canal) to Berea, lead pastor

**Rev. David Rittgers**, from attending school to Orchard Path a United Methodist Congregation - New Church Start

**Rev. James Roberson**, from Canal District Superintendent to Cleveland: Cory

**Darlene Robinson** from Lorain Faith (Firelands) to Lakewood: Cove

**Rev. D. Lynn Snider**, from Akron: First (Canal) to Chagrin Falls

**Rev. Valerie Stultz**, from Berea, lead pastor to Canal District Superintendent

**Rev. Paul Wilson**, to Ridgewood, associate pastor (also at Cleveland: Pearl Road)

**Rev. Raymond P. Yody**, from Hathaway to retirement

### What You Can Expect: Fall-Winter 2008-09 from the District Associate

The North Coast District (NCD) **Fund Development initiative** will advance with **two workshops in October**: One on Tuesday, **October 7** from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and a repeat on Thursday **October 30** from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. on "Cultivating Donors" and attracting sponsors. Research indicates that most gifts are from individuals. We will construct a plan for you to increase giving among current donors.

On **November 13** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon the NCD will celebrate **National Philanthropy** month. This seminar will focus on developing endowments and encouraging donors to leave a legacy.

**January 2009** NCD will host sessions to assist with writing your **Benevolent Fund Block grant request**.

We look forward to sharing the unique ways **Parish Nurses** support ministry across the NCD at the **2009 Leadership Academy**.

Thank you for supporting the work of the NCD.

*Yvonne* Rev. Dr. V. Yvonne Conner, District Associate

## June 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b>	<b>2 Cabinet;</b> 11 a.m. Bd. Church Location /Building; Friends of Nehemiah 5:30	<b>3 Cabinet</b>	<b>4</b> 11 a.m. District Strategy Team	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9 1:30 Staff Meeting</b>	<b>10</b> 9:30 a.m. Leadership Academy Steering Committee	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13 UM Cedar Point Day</b>	<b>14 Youth Annual Conference</b>
<b>15 Youth Annual Conference</b>	<b>16 Annual Conference</b>	<b>17 Annual Conference</b>	<b>18 Annual Conference</b>	<b>19 Annual Conference, NC Picnic</b>	<b>20 District Office Closed</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Post Conference Review	<b>27 District Office Closed</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Move out Day for Clergy					

## July 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		<b>1</b> Move in Day for Clergy; <b>Rev. Drew Renewal leave begins</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3 District Office Closed</b>	<b>4</b> Independence Day District Office Closed	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> North Coast District Clergy Welcome	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11 District Office Closed</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> N. Central Jurisdictional Conference (16-19)	<b>17</b> N. Central Jurisdictional Conference	<b>18 District Office Closed</b>	<b>19</b> N. Central Jurisdictional Conference
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25 District Office Closed</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

## August 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					<b>1</b> District Office Closed	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Rev. Drew Renewal Leave continues	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> District Office Closed	<b>9</b>
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<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> NC District Picnic	<b>29</b> District Office Closed	<b>30</b>
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# " I Am Anchored In Christ "

**East Ohio Ministerial Recruitment Institute**  
**July 6-11, 2008 Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio**



**REGISTRATION FEES: REGULAR: \$150.00 PER PERSON** (postmarked by May 24, 2008)  
**LATE: \$200.00 PER PERSON** (postmarked by June 14, 2008)  
**NO PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON-SITE**

Any questions or concerns, subject email 2008 MRI to [jroberson21@hotmail.com](mailto:jroberson21@hotmail.com). All forms and payments should be mailed to: 2008 MRI Registrar: 3406 Hametown Road, Norton, OH 44203

You can obtain the registration form from the North Coast District Website, News page:  
<http://www.ncdistrictumc.org/news.htm>

## Nehemiah Mission News

The Nehemiah Mission will have a weeklong presence at Annual Conference at Lakeside this summer. Mission director, Jim Szakacs is



on a mission of his own to meet as many pastors and delegates as possible in order to tell the Nehemiah Mission story.

Plans are underway to run an "interactive" display featuring the construction of a small playhouse on the grounds of Lakeside.

Visitors to the display will be able to participate by adding a board, a piece of siding, roofing material, or help paint the structure as they visit and hear of the accomplishments and plans for the mission. "We hope to complete the building during the week with the help of many, in the same way that we work at the mission and in the tradition of Nehemiah." Said Szakacs.

Those who participate will learn of the many ways that the Nehemiah Mission has already helped thousands "return to the city to rebuild." They will also learn of multiple ways that they may help further the cause.

Szakacs added; "We not only want to meet as many people as possible, but we'd like to give away some really great Nehemiah Mission tee-shirts as well. So be sure to stop by the Nehemiah display which will be located in the Park, along the main sidewalk leading to the dock."

## The Parish Nurse Ministry

### How does the North Coast District envision availability of Parish Nurses?

By Rev. V. Y. Conner, Ed MDiv

The role of Parish Nurses varies from congregation to congregation. The shape of this ministry directly reflects the needs of the parishioners and the resources available to that congregation. However, in every congregation the parish nurse promotes the healing ministries essential for the holistic well-being of the congregation.

This specialized ministry has professional roots at Fairview, Lakewood, and Lutheran Hospitals. These partner organizations monitor the critical skills for Registered Nurses serving as Parish Nurses. This includes making sure that each nurse maintains an active license as a registered nurse in the state of Ohio and adheres to the state of Ohio Nurse Practice Act to govern her or his professional practice and the Faith Community of Nursing.

The North Coast District is committed to establishing Parish Nurse Ministry in churches with limited resources by assisting congregations that are willing to structure the ministry based on the needs of the congregation. This ministry revitalizes the involvement of parishioners in actively tending to the needs of the sick as part of their ministry.

Another great benefit we are realizing from our inner-city pilot study, is that the concept of "shaping" the ministry to fit the needs of the congregation makes it unique. Deacon Linda McCowen is the parish nurse assisting us with the pilot study. Please read Linda's article (on page 8) and learn about her experience with parish nursing in an urban congregation where the average income is 200% below the poverty level.

Nevertheless, the North Coast District envisions helping interested congregations establish a parish nurse ministry in conjunction with principles established by Gayle Donahue, Parish Nurse Program Manager at Fairview Hospital.

Visit the NCD Parish Nurse display at Annual Conference for more details.



## David Rittgers Appointed to Pastor a New Church in East Ohio

Appointment to begin June 1, 2008.



### Rittgers Family Returns to NE Ohio from Wilmore, Kentucky

After living for almost a year on the campus of Asbury Theological Seminary, where David has been studying as a Doctor of Ministry student in the Beeson Pastor Program, the Rittgers family will move back to Ohio to start a new church in the North Coast District.

David and Beth have been married for twelve years and have two young boys, Daniel (6) and Joshua (3). They plan to find and make their home in the targeted Broadview Heights area.

### Biography

As of June 1, 2008, Bishop John L. Hopkins intends to appoint Rev. David T. Rittgers to serve as the pastor of a new United Methodist Church in Broadview Heights, Ohio.

David and Beth Rittgers have each served in a variety of church leadership positions.

David was an active youth at the Hudson UMC. Upon high school graduation in 1991, David attended The Ohio State University where he met Beth. They were married in 1995. David has served on staff as Music Director at Karl Road Christian Church in Columbus (1995-97) and Minister of Music and Small Groups at Solon UMC (1997-2001). David has previously been appointed as a Student Pastor at Lighthouse UMC (2001-02) and Associate Pastor at East Shore UMC in Euclid (2004-07) after interning there while attending Ashland Theological Seminary where he graduated in 2004 (M. Divinity).

Beth has served on staff as Church Secretary at Glenwood UMC near Columbus (West Ohio Conference) and as the Director of Christian Education at Solon UMC.

The Rittgers ask for your prayerful support. For more information about the new church, please e-mail David: [drittgers@aol.com](mailto:drittgers@aol.com)

## Travel Ministry- Wesley Heritage Tour

**Travel Ministry- Wesley Heritage Tour** departs July 14, 2009. Bishop and Mrs. Hopkins, and Dan and Debbie Drew invite you to travel with them for nine exciting and educational days in England in July of 2009. See the country and walk the turf that formed John and Charles Wesley and the spiritual movement that became the United Methodist Church and several other denominations in our world today. Tour includes airfare, ground transportation, hotels, guided sightseeing, entrance fees, lectures, and two daily meals. Pastors are encouraged to serve as tour hosts, and while on this trip to earn continuing education units. Further information is available by contacting Rev. Drew through e-mail, [dsdrew@ncdistrictumc.org](mailto:dsdrew@ncdistrictumc.org).



## Sandra Beard, a member of Cleveland: St. Matthew, Awarded the Poinsetta Jeffrey Humanitarian Award



In April, Sandra Beard, a member of Cleveland: St. Matthew and a lifelong Methodist was awarded the Poinsetta Jeffrey Humanitarian Award, by the Cleveland Clinic. Perhaps you saw her picture in Sunday's Plain Dealer a few weeks ago. Ms. Beard was one of 14 to receive recognition as a recipient in the "2008 Nursing Excellence Awards Program." Her gifts and graces extend beyond the secular world; she is very active in the life of her church and serves on several committees at her church and on the Conference level. One of her unselfish givings is her tireless outreach ministry at St. Matthew -- truly a gift of humanitarianism.

## Events Around the District and Conference

For more information on the following events, please check our website: [www.ncdistrictumc.org](http://www.ncdistrictumc.org).

- June 7, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.** Rocky River UMC to Celebrate Ground Blessing for New Addition – Phone 440/331-9433
- June 7, 6:30 p.m.** - New Contemporary Saturday Service beginning at Seven Hills UMC (The first Saturday of the month). Free cook-out at 5:30 p.m. on June 7. All are welcome so bring a friend. Church phone: 216/524-1336
- June 7, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** - NAMI Greater Cleveland Announces Family-to-Family Education Program at Aldersgate UMC, Warrensville Hts., to register call 216/875-7776 or e-mail [tmiller@nami.org](mailto:tmiller@nami.org)
- June 7, 9:00 a.m. - noon** - Flea Market - Cleveland: Trinity UMC. At Cleveland: Brooklyn Memorial - Church Phone: 216/961-4445
- June 7, 12:00 - 9:00 p.m.** - Warming the Hearts - Free Christian Music Festival, Twinsburg: Faith UMC, 330/425-2565
- June 7, 3:00 p.m.** - Mission Craft Fair, Red Bird Mission, Rockport UMC, Rocky River, Church phone 440/331-9433
- July 8, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.** - North Coast District Clergy Fellowship - Please join your colleagues for continental breakfast and a time of welcome and fellowship. At the North Coast District Office - 5246 Broadway Ave., third floor, Cleveland. Please RSVP by Monday, July 7, to 216/441-4527.
- June 10, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.** - Strawberry Social, Cleveland: Trinity UMC, Church Phone: 216/961-4445. Hymn Sing from 7:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- June 14, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** - Windermere United Methodist Women Annual Bazaar/Flea Market, contact person: Gloria Allen-Levert, leave a message at 451-2500 (Church)
- June 15, 6:30 - 8:15 p.m.** - Christian Thought Leaders Speaker Series, Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale Patterson, Head Pastor at the Hackberry Creek Presbyterian Church in Irving, Texas. Solon UMC, Church Phone 440/248-1573
- June 28, 5:00 - 11:00 p.m.** - SummerFest 2008 - Fun food games. Church of the Saviour, Cleveland Hts., 216/321-8880
- July 8, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.** - North Coast District Clergy Welcome: At the North Coast District Office
- July 26, 9:00 a.m. - 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Diversity Golf Outing**, Clearview Golf Course, benefiting Cory's Golf Scholarship Fund. Call Cory UMC for information, 216/451-0460
- July 26, 3:30 - 9:00 p.m.** - North End Neighbor's Carnival of Lights. Cleveland: Broadway, 216/271-3650
- September 20, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** - Making the Church More Welcoming and Hospitable - The Ministry of Ushers and Greeters in the Local Church - Brecksville UMC, 440/526-8938. Workshop Leader Rev. L. Christ Martin

## SUMMER LOCAL CHURCH PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Summer Local Church Programs: check out the North Coast District UMC web page:  
[http://www.ncdistrictumc.org/summer\\_programs.htm](http://www.ncdistrictumc.org/summer_programs.htm)

- SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM** -Begins on **June 16, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. each day until August 1**, Ages 0-18 years old. Sponsored by the Cleveland Catholic Diocese, Cleveland: Broadway UMC, 216/271-3650
- SUMMER CAMP** -*Learn Art, Express Yourself* Summer Camp Program - 3 weeks beginning **July 7 - 25, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Cleveland, Broadway UMC, 216/271-3650
- COOKING CLASS** - For children on **July 9 and July 16 from 9:00 until approximately noon**. North Royalton UMC, 440/237-7663
- SUMMER CAMP** This is a 6 week day camp. The hours are from **9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**  
Space is limited. Lunch and snacks will be provided. The dates we will be operating are **Monday June 9, 2008 through Friday July 18, 2008**. The ages are 5-17. Cleveland: St. Matthew, 216/321-7622
- SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM** -The summer lunch program will be operating from **June 16 through August 1. We will be serving from noon to 1:00 p.m.** Cleveland: St. Matthew, 216/321-7622
- SENIOR OGT SAFETY-NET** -BRIDGE the Gap Education and Community Foundation is sponsoring the "Senior OGT Safety-net." **June 2 through July 15**. This program is provided strictly for high school seniors who failed some of or all five parts of the Ohio Graduation Test to assist them either on computer or on paper to prepare for the next time they can retake the test. In addition to Cleveland: St. Matthew (216/231-7622), the other BRIDGE the Gap churches are St. Paul AME(only West side location), Beth El AME Zion, Historic Greater Friendship Baptist, and Windermere(East Cleveland) (216/451-2500). Those desirous of utilizing this service may call BRIDGE the Gap @ 531-1718 ext 1. Educators will be tutoring the children. St. Matthew's days and times are **Mondays and Wednesdays 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm** we are going to start on **Monday, June 2 on Monday June 2**. Windermere is also a member church.

## North Coast Classifieds

For more information on the following jobs, check out our website at [www.ncdistrictumc.org](http://www.ncdistrictumc.org), or call the church directly

- Youth Director:** First UMC in Elyria. Call Roger Talbott or Tami Clark at 440/322-6022 to talk more about the position.
- Choir Director:** North Royalton UMC. Contact the church office at 440-237-7663.
- Organist/Choir Director:** Cleveland: Brooklyn Memorial UMC. Applicants can email your resume and letter of interest to [jjk954@hotmail.com](mailto:jjk954@hotmail.com) or "snail mail" that information to Staff Pastor Parish Team, Brooklyn Memorial UMC, 2607 Archwood Ave, Cleveland, OH 44109.
- Summer Intern:** The Nehemiah Mission. Searching for the right summer intern! For a job description and to schedule an interview email your resume to Jim Szakacs, Director at [jfszakacs@yahoo.com](mailto:jfszakacs@yahoo.com).
- Church Volunteer Coordinator:** Cleveland: Broadway UMC. Contact Rev. Dr. V. Yvonne Conner, 216/271-3650.
- Part Time Youth Pastor:** Han Madang UMC, Parma. Contact: Rev. Isaac Moon, Church Phone: 440/845-1728.



## REMINDERS

**Annual Conference Changes** – As with life, there will be many changes at Annual Conference and Lakeside this year.

**The Conference agenda** will just have worship on Monday morning and the clergy session in the early afternoon. Therefore, the business session does not begin until Monday mid-afternoon. Wednesday we will have the **Day Apart** with Adam Hamilton and the compass group discussions, but no other workshops. We will return to business mid-afternoon on Wednesday. We will also not plan to adjourn until mid-afternoon on Thursday. Registration and health checks will be done in the Green room this year and not in Hoover Auditorium.

**Lakeside Meal Changes**- Lakeside food will be provided by a new caterer. All tickets for program breakfast, lunch and dinners sponsored by groups **must be purchased by May 30**. There will be no ticket sales at Lakeside. So To purchase tickets for an event, please call the Conference Office, 1-800-831-3972 and ask for Jenni at ext. 133.

**Lakeside Changes** - Abigail's was sold and is now Evelyn's. Rothenbuhlers' was sold and is now Evening Song Bed and Breakfast. There are also several new houses and improved cottages.

**Annual Conference Workbooks** have been mailed. Please review your workbook before conference. There will be a dedicated e-mail regarding Annual Conference coming from the communications office.

**The North Coast District Gathering at Lakeside** will be held Thursday at noon (picnic lunch) at the Brewster Cottage on 638 Central Avenue, (just south of the Sand Volleyball Courts by South Auditorium). All Clergy/Laity and families of the North Coast District are welcome. All food and drinks will be provided.

**Pre-Conference Orientation** – Many veterans of Annual Conference are aware that we often have a Pre-Conference Orientation. This year the Conference leadership team decided that we **will not hold** those sessions.

**Day Apart** – This year we will have a “**Day Apart**” for education, reflection and inspiration on Wednesday, June 18, at Lakeside during Annual Conference. Please feel free to invite lay members of your church to join us for that day. After the address by Adam Hamilton, we are asked to gather as Compass Groups to discuss and reflect together on our shared mission. Pastors are asked to be in the Compass group that they have been in this past year.

**Updated Announcement: Flood Buckets to be collected at Annual Conference** - The Mission Awareness Committee is asking each church or individuals supply one flood bucket or 5 health kits per charge for the Midwest Mission Distribution Center. Recent floods have depleted the supplies. The semi truck from the Midwest Center will be located at the southwest corner of Hoover Auditorium on Sunday, June 15 from 12:00 noon 12:00 noon on Tuesday, June 17 to collect them. The need is urgent and your help is necessary to those affected by these disasters.

**Ministry Fair** - The traditional Ministry and Mission Fair with information of various ministries from the conference, districts and local churches will take place outside Hoover Auditorium on **Wednesday evening** from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. The North Coast District will have several tables including one devoted to the Outreach Projects Supported by our East Ohio Conference Shared Ministry Fund I, Benevolent Block Grants.

**Annual Conference, Lakeside Voices Needed:** Voices are needed, S AT B, for conference choir, on **Wednesday, June 18, 8:00 a.m.** The song, “Total Praise” - Rehearsals: **Tuesday 1:00 p.m. and Wednesday 7:00 a.m.**, Choir Director: Avis Thrash, Organist: Dean Wagner. Information, contact Avis at [athrash@earthlink.net](mailto:athrash@earthlink.net)

## Renewal Leave - Rev. H. Daniel Drew

The East Ohio Conference has a policy that superintendents must take a renewal leave during their normal term of Superintendency. Renewal leaves are granted in order of seniority of cabinet members. 2008 is my summer for renewal leave for two months. Therefore, my renewal leave will take place this July and August. Other Superintendents will be covering the district in case of a need for a Superintendent during this period. They can be contacted by contacting our District office staff or Gary George in the Bishop's office. Due to the renewal leave, I will be setting up the fall consultation and Charge Conference schedules during the month of June. Details for that will be coming the week before Annual Conference.

# The 2008 Festival of Caring

Saturday, September 20 at Richland County Fairgrounds  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



## FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

FOOD \* MISSION PROJECTS \* GAMES \* SILENT AUCTION \* CRAFTS \* PIE AUCTION \*  
QUILT AUCTION WORSHIP WITH THE BISHOP \* PEDDLING PARSONS \* MUSIC \* CLOWNS \*  
MISSION KITS \* CHILI CONTEST \* PLUS MUCH MORE

Interested in more information? Contact: Sandy Bittner 216-524-5814

## CCYM Adds a New Dimension to Festival of Caring:

The Conference Council on Youth Ministries is adding a new feature to the Festival of Caring that will be held at the Richland County Fairgrounds in Mansfield on Saturday, September 20. The "After the Caring Concert" featuring Christian rockers The Afters with Matt Maher will be in concert at the fairgrounds grandstand. Tickets go on sale July 1 and will be \$15 pre-sale and \$20 at the gate. There is a \$2 parking fee per car. For more information contact Shawndelle at 800-831-3972. ext. 132 or sgriffin@eocumc.com



## 2008 Seat Cover Drive - Seat Covers for All God's Children

North Coast District—T-shirts/briefs & socks—Size 7-14, 6-12 years, BOYS  
District Contact Person, Seat Covers: Gloria Allen-Levert 216-451-1324

All Seat Cover items are to be new and still in the original packaging.

Bring your Seat Covers to the Festival or take them to the church office at  
Windermere UMC, 14035 Euclid Ave., East Cleveland - Tuesday thru Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## Here's What's Happening in the Parish Nurse Pilot Study!

By Deacon Linda McCowen

Parish nursing.....many of you either have a parish nurse or have had a parish nurse and you are familiar with what we do in the life of the congregation. Home visits, hospital and nursing home visits, newsletter and bulletin articles, health education classes and health screenings are all integral parts of our ministry.

Parish nursing at the pilot study site (Cleveland: Broadway UMC) is different from parish nursing at any of the other five churches where I am—or have been---a parish nurse! The most obvious difference is that I've only made two home visits in the last five months! That's what I haven't done. What have I done?

After being here for five months—I'm doing a little of everything in my few hours each week. Just last week, I counseled a woman about her blood pressure medicine. I helped a parishioner who just learned to read and interpret food ads. I led the younger children's class in active exercises and made a huge paper chain to symbolize the large circle of God's love. I wrote a bulletin blurb on wearing safety belts. I was a caring

presence at the Saturday evening community meals. Most of the persons who attend regularly know me and so they stop by to let me know how they are doing. I listen, I take their blood pressures and I make the appropriate referrals knowing that most of these guests do not have health insurance, and don't have transportation to go to a health care provider, nor can they afford expensive medications.



Two highlights of my ministry have been helping a non-reader actually read a story in worship and being part of the family of Broadway. My work at Broadway is one way I would define experiencing the Kingdom of God on Earth. I am encouraged by the friendliness of the people. I feel special when being introduced to everyone and sharing community meals. Breaking bread together in such a diverse setting is certainly an expression of the family of God!

## Elected from North Coast District Members-At-Large East Ohio Annual Conference 2009

Names in the order of their election at the 2008 Spring District Conference  
(The first 31 or so will be asked to serve. Official notification will come in early 2009)

1. DEBORAH BRYANT (42) ROCKPORT
2. LISA DREW (41) BRECKSVILLE
3. IRWIN WASON (41) ELYRIA: FIRST
4. RICHARD CLARK (40) CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR
5. ROBERT SCOTT (40) CLEVELAND: BROOKLYN MEMORIAL
6. MARY HOLLOWAY (40) CLEVELAND: MT. PLEASANT
7. CORLISS FITCH (40) CLEVELAND: ST. MATTHEW
8. SANDRA BEARD (39) CLEVELAND: ST. MATTHEW
9. KARI SHARPE (38) CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
10. HARRY ASKIN (38) WESTLAKE
11. MARY ANN CARLSON (37) CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
12. PAUL SAYLER (37) CLEVELAND: TRINITY
13. SANDRA BITTNER (37) GARFIELD HEIGHTS
14. JEANETTE LYNCH (36) ALDERSGATE
15. BETTY FIER (36) CLEVELAND: NOTTINGHAM
16. NORMA MUNRO (36) CLEVELAND: OEHLHOFF
17. DIANNE COVAULT (35) CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
18. JOHN WHEELER (35) CLEVELAND: EPWORTH-EUCLID
19. APRIL HAWKINS (35) CLEVELAND: PEARL ROAD
20. CHERYL CROWELL (35) CLEVELAND: WILLSON
21. HUGH KNAPP (35) ELYRIA: COMMUNITY
22. GENE JOHNSON (34) BAY
23. JOHN MOTLEY (34) CLEVELAND: CHRIST
24. ARLENE GLADURA (34) GOOD SHEPHERD
25. EARLINE THOMAS (33) CLEVELAND: WERNER
26. JOYCE REINHART (33) FIELDS
27. WILLIAM FREUND (33) LAKEWOOD
28. CHARLES YOUNG (32) COMMUNITY OF LIVING HOPE
29. JIM SZAKACS (32) PLEASANT HILLS
30. HELEN GRAHAM (31) BEREА
31. BETTY JEFFRIES (31) COMMUNITY OF LIVING HOPE
32. DON SWARTZ (30) BEREА
33. STEPHANIE THOMAS (30) MAPLE HEIGHTS
34. JOHN BLAGG (29) ROCKPORT
35. JEFF BENNETT (29) SOLON
36. JOANN COOK (28) ALDERSGATE
37. CHARLES NEARON (28) ALDERSGATE
38. REBA DENMARK (28) CLEVELAND: ST. PAUL
39. CHARIS MACHA (28) CLEVELAND: SIMPSON
40. JOANNE MILLER (28) ELYRIA: ZION
41. TRICIA BOWERSOX (28) WESTLAKE
42. ANDY CALL (28) WESTLAKE
43. ELIZABETH BRASCHWITZ (27) CLEVELAND: TRINITY
44. ROBERT ST. LEGER (26) ROCKPORT
45. HELEN ROWSER (25) ALDERSGATE
46. GREGORY RENTSCH (25) BEREА
47. IRMA FOOSE (25) PLEASANT HILLS
48. CARRIE CHRISTIAN (23) BEREА
49. ARLENE JOHNSON (22) BAY
50. BRIAN SHEETZ (22) STRONGSVILLE
51. SYLVIA HINES (20) BROOK PARK
52. DEVIN BEVILLE (20) CLEVELAND: MT. PLEASANT
53. CARRIE STOUDMIRE (17) CLEVELAND: ST. MATTHEW
54. EMILY SCHWARTZ (17) ELYRIA: ZION
55. TOM SCHWARTZ (17) ELYRIA: ZION
56. BRIANNA CRAIG (16) BROOK PARK
57. ASHLEE MAYS (16) CLEVELAND: ST. MATTHEW
58. FRAN BOBO (14) BEREА
59. MENGISTU SAMUELS (14) CLEVELAND: ST. MATTHEW
60. WILLIAM MITCHELL (13) BEDFORD
61. KARLEK JARVIS (13) BROOK PARK
62. INDIRA SAMUELS (13) CLEVELAND: ST. MATTHEW
63. TIARA ANTHONY (13) CLEVELAND: ST. PAUL

## Send Your Kids to Camp!

Not sure what to do with the kids this summer? Why not send them to Camp? Every year, hundreds of East Ohio campers enjoy fantastic life-changing weeks at Camp Aldersgate, Camp Asbury, Camp Wanake or at one of the Other Opportunities For Youth (CYF, Reach Out, Lakeside Institute). They come to these great places and have incredible experiences, making new friends, trying new things, learning about God, learning about themselves and taking it all home.

The Conference website has all the summer camping information and schedules, including online registration, photo galleries and detailed facility descriptions – [www.EastOhioCamps.org](http://www.EastOhioCamps.org)

Should you have any questions, please contact the Camps Office at 800-831-3972, ext. 108.



# Vacation Bible School — North Coast District Churches

CHECK OUT OUR WEB PAGE AT: [http://www.ncdistrictumc.org/special/vacation\\_2008.htm](http://www.ncdistrictumc.org/special/vacation_2008.htm)

**Aldersgate** - Helen Rowser (216)921-4075 - June 23 - 27 - Ages 4 years - adults - Walk it Out Together in the Way of Jesus

**Avon** - Joyce Hoile (440)934-5121 - July 27 - 31, 6- 8 p.m. - 3 year olds to 5th grade - Cokesbury:

Beach Party: Surfin' Through the Scriptures

**Avon Lake: Lakeshore** - Linda Below (440)933-5238 - June 23- 27, 9 a.m. - 12 noon - Ages 4

through 6th grade - Cokesbury: Beach Party: Surfin' Through the Scriptures

**Bay** - Amy Shipley (440)871-2082 - July 21 - 25, 9 - 11 a.m.- Children entering Kindergarten in the fall through 3rd grade - Group: Power Lab

**Brook Park** - VBS will be held across the street at Redeemer Lutheran, 6151 Smith Rd., Brook Park

- Michelle Javorsky (216)862-0527 - July 28 - August 1, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. - Free dinner for students, parents and staff starting at 6:00 - Ages 4 - Entering 6th grade in the fall - Theme: The Pirates that Don't Do Anything VBS

**Brunswick** (330)225-3179 - July 14 - 18, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. , with dinner from 5 - 6 p.m. -

Kindergarten - 5th grade (completed) -Cosmic City

**Church of the Redeemer** - For Kids: Carolyn Cacho Bowman (216)367-0550; For Adults - David Miller (216)409-6213 - July 29, 30, 31 - Dinner: 5:45 - 6:20 p.m. - VBS 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. - Preschool - Adult - God's Big Backyard Bash

**Church of the Saviour** - Renee Leonard (216)321-8880 - August 4 - 8, 9:00 a.m. - noon - Ages 3 year olds - 4th grade (just completed) - Group: Power Lab

**Cleveland: Christ** - VBS will be with Bethany English Lutheran Church at their address - 15460 Triskett Rd.- Christ Church Phone # (216)671-2600 - July 7 - 11, 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon - Ages 3 through 6th grade - Rain Forest Adventure - A Tree Top Bible Blast

**Cleveland: St. Matthew**- Corliss Fitch (216)231-7622 - July 28 - August 1, lunch included, 12:00 noon - 2:30 p.m. - Ages 5 to adults - Walk it Out: Together in the Way of Jesus

**Cleveland: Werner** - Margaret Bullard (216)795-5110 - July 21 - 25 and July 28 - August 1, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., lunch included - Ages 5 - 12 -Walk It Out

**Elyria: Asbury** - Verlene DeWitt (440)323-9596 - July 13 - 16, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. - Pre-K through teens - Heroes with Wings

**Elyria: Community** - Martin Dunkel (440)365-7391 - July 13 - 17, 6 - 9 p.m. - Preschool age 4 through 6th grade - David Cook: Cosmic City

**Elyria: First** - Tami Clark (440)322-6622 - July 21 - 24, 6 - 8:15 p.m. - 3 years old to Adult - Cokesbury: Beach Party

**Euclid: East Shore** - Sandi McClave (440)461-8877 - July 13 - 17, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. - Dinner at 5:30 p.m. - Ages 4 through 5th grade - Group: Power Lab

**Fairview Grace** - Byron Bufkin (440)779-5414 - June 9 - 12, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. - Children who have completed Kindergarten through sixth grade - David C. Cook: Cosmic City

**Fields UMC** - Diane Linch (440)327-8753 - June 23 - 27, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. - Ages 4 through 6th grade - Group: Power Lab

**Good Shepherd** Amy Sinnema (440)884-9090 - August 4 - 8, 9:30 a.m. - Noon - Ages 3 years to 6th grade - Cokesbury: Rainforest Adventure - A Tree Top Bible Blast

**Independence** (216)524-6054 - June 30 - July 3, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Ages: 3 - 12 years old - Group: Power Lab

**Lakewood** - Kathy Shields (216)228-5382 - August 4- 8, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon - Ages 3 - 10 year-olds - Cokesbury: Beach Party

**North Olmsted** - Sharon Werner (440)779-6634 ext. 13 - July 7 - 11, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon - Age 4 through 6th grade (in the fall) - Habitat for Humanity "Under Construction"

**North Royalton** - Debbie Zimmerman (440)237-7663 - August 4 -8, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon - Preschool through 6th grade - Group: Power Lab

**Pepper Pike: Garfield Memorial** - Kymm McElroy (216)831-1566 ext. 28 - July 28 - August 1, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. - July 28 - August 1, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. - Pre-K Only (3 yrs. - entering Kindergarten) -Pre-K ( 3 yrs) - 5th Grade - Dinner Included - The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything - Group: Power

**Pleasant Hills** Carrie Srail (216)832-3280 - July 14 - 18, 9 a.m. - 12 noon - Ages 3 - just completed 5th grade - Group: Power Lab

**Ridgewood** (440)885-1360 - August 4 - 8, 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Group: Power Lab

**Rockport** - Debbie Bryant (440)331-9433 - June 23-27, 6:00 - 8:10 p.m.- Dinner from 5:40 - 6:00 -Ages 3 - 6th grade - Cokesbury: Beach Party: Surfin' Through the Word

**Rocky River** - Paige Farling (440)331-7676 - June 16 - 20, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon - Children entering Kindergarten through children entering 6th grade - Son Harvest County Fair

**Seven Hills** - Judy Perry (216)524-1336 - June 15 - August 17 during worship hour 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

**Solon** - Robin McLaury (440)248-1573 - July 13 - 17, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Ages 3 years old thru 5th grade - Group: Power Lab

**Strongsville** - Jessica Van Lehn (216)642-9893 - June 23 - 27, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon - 3 1/2 - just completed 5th grade - Group: Power Lab

**Westlake** - VBS held at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church - (The Bible School is sponsored by 5 local churches including Westlake UMC) - Rev. Linda Coatoam (440)871-3088 - June 23 - 27, 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon - Rainforest Adventure - June 23 - 27, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Youth Adventure - Rainforest Adventure: Children age 5 - entering grade 5: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon or 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Youth Adventure: Children entering grades 6 - 8: 9:00 a.m - 5:00 p.m



Vacation Bible School

## North Coast District Youth Check out our website page at:

<http://www.ncdistrictumc.org/news/youth.htm>

And The East Ohio Conference Youth page at:  
[http://www.eocumc.com/youth/youth\\_events.htm](http://www.eocumc.com/youth/youth_events.htm)

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## Youth Annual Conference YAC 2008, June 13-15



At YAC 2008 we will explore John Wesley's call to see the "world as our parish." The event will begin at Cedar Point with the longstanding communion rallies in the ballroom, and then move to Hoover Auditorium at Lakeside for worship, conversation, and fun!

The worship band for the weekend will be **Harlend**, a Christian rock band from Lima, Ohio.

Check out the East Ohio Conference webpage above for cost and other information and to download registration forms.

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## Communications Changes For The North Coast District

The NC District communications committee met and made some suggestions around district wide communications. First, they decided to cut the *North Coast Crossings* newsletters to quarterly. Second, to have a **weekly e-mail update** from Rev. Drew and the district office. Third, to continue to have Beverly send out the *Call to Prayer* on Thursdays, but not to mingle prayer concerns with announcements, events, appointments, or other matter, but simply to have that be a call to prayer for clergy and clergy families. The weekly e-mail update would then include DSD (Comments from DS Dan), District and Conference events, announcements, appointments, positions available and church events. This method will allow these postings to be much more timely and helpful. This e-mail news will be sent to the pastor, church secretary and one or two lay members per church.

## Nothing But Nets Campaign Supported by UMC Berea

By Vivien Swaddling, UMC of Berea

The United Methodist Church of Berea raised \$2,990.00 to help Bishop Hopkins' Nothing But Nets Campaign. Berea Church



sponsored a 5K Fun Run and a 1K Walk on April 19, 2008. Fifty-eight people registered for the walk and 10 people registered for the run. Tee shirts were handed out as part of the registration. The walkers and runners met at Berea City Park at 9:00 a.m. to start the event. A great time was had by all, participants and onlookers alike, and money for many more nets was provided to fight malaria and save lives in Africa. Congratulations, Berea UMC!

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## Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Cleveland Oops - we left off some churches who volunteer with IHN.

Here is a complete list of the churches:

UM Churches - Host IHN Clients: Bay, Berea, Church of the Saviour, Lakewood, North Olmsted, Ridgewood, and Rocky River.

UM Churches - Support IHN Clients: Aldersgate, Bedford, Brecksville, Church of the Redeemer and Good Shepherd.

The IHN welcomes inquiries about service in the organization. The website is [ihncleveland.org](http://ihncleveland.org) and phone numbers are, for the east side, 216-991-6277, and for the west side, 216-771-9600. Sarah Cruise is the Executive Director of the IHN.

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**Peace With Justice Sunday**

By Belinda St. Leger, *North Coast Crossings* writer

Peace with Justice Sunday is a witness to God's hope for a faithful, loving world. It is one of six special Sundays the United Methodist Church lifts up to highlight needs within the church, our country, and our world. The offering taken on this Sunday, usually the first one after Pentecost, gives the Church a voice in advocating for peace and justice at home and abroad. The offering is divided between the Annual Conference and the greater church through the General Board of Church and Society where it is used for grants for special programs which work toward peace with justice. These gifts empower people to advocate for human rights, to buy fair trade products, to care for the environment, to demonstrate for important causes, to work to eradicate poverty, to feed the hungry, to provide health care and affordable housing, and to model nonviolence.

Peace with Justice Sunday gives flesh to the Micah 6:8 mandate to "love kindness, seek justice, and walk humbly with your God." There can be no worldwide peace until there is justice for all who share the earth. Peace with Justice Sunday is a time to reflect on and pray for a world of peace where justice is the foundation. "It is to peace that God has called you." I Corinthians 7:15b This special Sunday reminds us to be who we say we are as United Methodists.

