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## Family style

### Parents, sons all in work camp

For the Kiefer family, this family vacation was no vacation.

"I don't have a dry spot on my shirt to wipe my face on," said Trent Kiefer, age 17, as he dumped wheel barrows full of rock around a foundation. He was working on a new Habitat for Humanity House in Jefferson City. Intermittent storms had kept the temperature down to about 90, but the humidity was stifling.

Across town Kiefer's dad, whom the youth had deemed 'Captain Wayne,' was supervising a crew as they painted in two other Habitat houses. About 25 miles further west, Kiefer's brothers Chad, 19, and Tate, 11, and his mother Karla were building a ramp for Mt. Zion UMC in California so people in wheel chairs can access the sanctuary.

"I've been helping Dad with construction since I was 10. I can't get away from it," Chad said with a laugh as he set a corner post for the ramp. "Nah, really, I like it."

All were participating in a Missouri Conference Youth Workcamp based out of Jefferson City.

Chad's an Emergency Medical Technician, and works for his dad's construction business when he's not on duty as an EMT. Trent has a year of high school left and works with his dad when he's not in school. Tate does, too.

"I work for him about three days a week," Tate said.

Because Wayne owns his own construction business, when he takes the week off, he isn't just giving his time, he's also forgoing a week's worth of pay, as are

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Trent Kiefer pushes a wheel barrow of rock to a foundation.



Chad Kiefer and his brother Tate set a corner post for a ramp at Mt. Zion UMC in California, Mo.



Avondale UMC youth serve lunch at the Salvation Army.

## Youth give week to community service

Summer means service for hundreds of United Methodist youth across Missouri. July 5 through 9, about 100 youth came together in Jefferson City to participate in the Missouri Conference youth work camp that week, and work on projects in the surrounding community. They were part of about 1,150 youth

and adult sponsors who are participating in Missouri Conference youth work camps this summer.

Having that many extra hands on deck can be a big boost to organizations in need of help. The youth were rehabbing one Habitat for Humanity home in Jefferson City, painting a new home that

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Rev. Paul Migowe and Rev. Doug Franklin talk to volunteers at the PET shop in Columbia.

## Dockery Chapel connects with Kenya ministry

If you're contacted by someone you don't know, seemingly out of the blue, who claims to be from Africa, it's pretty easy to know what to do. People with active

e-mail accounts may receive several such e-mails a day.

You ignore him.

But when the phone rang at

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# Growing Deeper

Methodism began as a way of life rather than as a denominational system. John Wesley's passion was leading people to follow Jesus, and his genius was developing patterns and support systems to help people walk with Christ. Wesley believed we cooperate with the Holy Spirit in our own spiritual growth through personal practices.

Spiritual practices place us in the most advantageous circumstances to be formed by God's grace. The Wesleyan way of life included worship, prayer, the sacraments, the searching of scripture, serving others, and tithing. Early Wesleyans participated in groups of mutual spiritual accountability, developed regular patterns of visiting the sick and imprisoned, and gave to the poor. People called us "Methodists" because of our eccentric faithfulness to this way of life and to these patterns of living.

The original organizational structures of Methodism began as "methods" to support this way of life. Wesley developed weekly class meetings to encourage people to pray for one another and support one another in faith. Early Wesleyan Preaching Houses were built to provide gatherings for prayer, worship, and the study of scripture. People signed membership tickets in order to make visible commitments to this way of life. Class leaders kept weekly records of personal giving to hold one another accountable to growth in the grace of giving. Attendance records provided an exercise log of the soul. Circuits were organized to make the sacraments available across larger territories. Conferences were held to reexamine "what to teach" and "how to teach" in order to deepen spiritual life and to renew preachers and laypersons for ministry. The original disciplines of Methodism cultivated people into a way of life, the following of Jesus.

The Holy Spirit uses our practices to form us into disciples who transform communities and nations. Personal transformation precedes the transformation of the world. Those who follow Jesus discover God calling them to ministries of service, witness, and justice.

How do we learn and teach this way of life today? Missouri's 2010 Annual Conference focused on Deepening the Spiritual Life for Leadership in the Church. I

## THE BISHOP'S *Journal*

BY BISHOP ROBERT SCHNASE



encourage all of us to examine and renew how our churches form disciples.

Reflect upon the following questions, some of them taken from Five Practices of Fruitful Living. Think and pray alone and with others. These questions stimulate memories. They renew us, and they help us remember Christ's call in our own lives. They remind us of God's grace, and of our passionate desire to follow Christ.

What experiences most profoundly shaped your entry into the spiritual life? How did you first experience God's love? How did you begin to let God's love into your life? What events formed your desire to grow in Christ? How old were you when you began to explore the spiritual life? Was there a special worship experience, service project, prayer, Scripture lesson or hymn that was important?

Who affected your spiritual journey and opened you to Christ: a pastor, a layperson, a relative, a friend, a writer, a youth worker? What place comes to mind as you reminisce?

How did you experience God during that period? When did you first begin to describe yourself as Christian? Who did you talk with about your desire to follow Christ? What did you say, and how did you feel? How did they respond? How did you tell family members? What negative responses did you experience? What was the greatest barrier to becoming a Christian?

What did you believe Christ wanted from you? How has your sense of following Christ changed? How do you view the relationship between what you do with your life and what Jesus Christ did during his life? What makes you feel you are accomplishing the work of Christ?

What do you find most fulfilling about following Christ? How are you a different person today compared to five years ago because of Christ? Following your current trajectory, how might your spiritual life and character be different five years from now?

How would you describe your

relationship to God now? What personal practices cultivate it? What draws you away from the spiritual life? How do your present patterns of living invite God in or cause you to avoid the spiritual life?

Who were three influential persons in your formative years of faith? What did each contribute to your understanding of yourself and Christ? What encouragement has most influenced your walk with Christ? What advice would you give someone else?

Who are three persons in your life today who deeply influence your faith? What do you respect about them? Who are your most supportive companions in your spiritual life?

How do you stay in love with God? What worship experiences, prayer habits, personal readings, bible studies, small groups, or serving ministries renew your spirit? What congregational ministries feed you? How do you nourish your spiritual life weekly? Daily? How does your congregation support and teach the way of life in Christ? What's your congregation's process for forming disciples? What ministries foster spiritual growth for people in the early stages of faith? How do you make following Christ inviting? What small groups cultivate life in Christ? What are the gaps in your congregation's formation process?

As a leader, what ministries of intentional faith development are you willing to commit yourself to for your spiritual growth? What are you willing to organize and lead to help others growth in Christ? How will you help your congregation learn and lead in the way of Christ?

Write a prayer that expresses your hopes, concerns, and decisions about a process for forming disciples through your congregation.

Yours in Christ,

Robert Schnase, Bishop  
Mo. Conference of the UMC



Karla Kiefer and her son Ryan prepare to set posts.

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Wayne Kiefer

more summers we will all have together," Wayne said. "I've been in the construction business 25 years, but I'm encouraging them to do something else. Having to work in the weather, whether it's 100 degrees or 0, seems harder as I get older."

Having that much expertise on hand was valuable for the youth work camp. Wayne oversaw one crew, Chad led his crew, and Trent was the one person on his crew that has experience in construction work.

his sons. There's no paid vacation for the self employed. He was happy to be part of this week, though.

"With one out of school, and another graduating next year, I don't know how many

Despite the heat, rain and mud, and the fact that they were doing something very similar to what they do the rest of the year, all the Kiefers were having a good time. Much of that had to do with why they were there.

"It's really fun knowing that we're building a ramp that will help get people into church," said Tate. "It's also fun at the end of the day, to get together with everyone and hear about what they've been working on."

Two years ago Wayne and his two oldest sons joined the Conference youth work camp group that went to Greensburg, Kansas to rebuild after a tornado hit the town. Last year, due to the economy being down, the family stayed local.

"Going to Kansas was kind of expensive due to the distance and overnight stay getting there, so last year we focused on community service," said Karla Kiefer. "We cleaned up some yards, and put a new roof on the back of a church."

The Kiefer family were part of a group of 17 people from their church.



Board Treasurer Frank Venturella (left) and Superintendent Dr. David Knes present the 2010 Community Recognition Award to Pastor John Harpole, Valley Park United Methodist Church (center).

## Harpole honored by local school district

The Valley Park School District Annual Awards and Employee Recognition Banquet brought out the stars of the district. Superintendent Dr. David Knes and the Valley Park School District Board of Education honored several people.

The 2010 Community Recognition Award went to Rev. John Harpole, pastor of the Valley Park United Methodist Church. He was honored for his continuing cooperative and supportive relationships with the district.

In presenting the award, Knes thanked the church for reflecting a positive impact on student achievement, school improvement and the overall education experience in the district.

For over 10 years, Valley Park United Methodist Church has housed the Valley Park Alternative School. The Alternative School allows students who are at-risk to complete their high school education through the Missouri Options program.



## An update on LLD

LAY LEADER *Column*

BY BRIAN HAMMONS

“What’s all this buzz about LLD?” That’s a question I’m hearing a lot these days, from Methodists all over the conference and now from others too. So here’s the latest update.

LLD, the Lay Leadership Development complement to the pastors’ PLD course, has become a key part of the Healthy Church Initiative to revitalize congregations in Missouri. Inspired by laity asking the question “what can WE do to help?,” the LLD program for 2009-10 involved about 170 lay leaders in 13 classes. The program material for the eight monthly sessions is virtually identical to the pastors’ PLD-1 material, written by church training consultant Ken Willard. The goal is to “strengthen local congregation laity leaders’ understanding of new ideas for church missional outreach and growth, while enhancing their ability to partner with their pastors who participate in the PLD process.”

As a result of LLD, pastors in many congregations now have lay persons who better understand the changes going on in today’s church and have gained ideas for renewal. Those leaders are better prepared to help pastors lead positive change in their congregations

– mission-focused change leading toward greater fruitfulness. Many pastors are seeing the potential in this and are working with their LLD-trained laity, meeting regularly, praying and partnering with them in discerning the “new thing” God is doing.

I’ve been inspired by the enthusiastic reception LLD has received, the dedicated leadership provided by lay facilitators all over our conference, and the encouraging support provided by conference leaders. What started as a question grew very quickly. THANKS to God’s vision and blessing!

With a year’s experience, many pastors and district leaders are now excited about the potential for LLD training in the coming year. So plans are being made to offer LLD classes in each of our 12 districts, perhaps with 2 or even 3 classes in some. Experienced facilitators are excited and will be ready to go again in September, and additional facilitators will receive training to meet the growing need for classes. Ken Willard will continue working with the facilitators on the excellent material. And to coordinate the details, our newest Associate Conference Lay Leader, Kevin Buckrucker, will work directly

with the facilitators and district offices. I greatly appreciate Kevin’s availability for this important job, as he brings great experience, energy and a real heart for lay leadership development. Thanks, Kevin!

LLD sign-up will begin in late August – early September in all 12 districts. Again, eligibility will be based upon recommendation from pastors participating in or having completed PLD. Most all districts will begin classes in September and end in May, with 8 half-day sessions. There will be advance preparation, including books to read. And an expectation of regular meetings with the pastor to review ideas and discern how to help lead fruitful change. For further information, check with your pastor or district office.

THANKS to all who’ve been part of making LLD a success this first year. May God bless and inspire all of us to be part of a new Methodist movement, and may the second year of LLD result in stronger pastor / laity partnerships for leadership in making disciples of Jesus Christ!

Brian Hammons,  
Mo. Conference Lay Leader

## Clergy Death

Rev. Barbara Lovelace died on Sunday July 4. Her funeral service was Wednesday, July 7 at Shelbyville UMC.

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Bob Harryman (Bethany UMC) receives his LLD Completion Certificate from Kevin Buckrucker during Pony Express LLD completion ceremony

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Doug Franklin's house at 6 a.m., something different happened.

Franklin's wife, Nicole, told him that it was a pastor from Kenya calling. Franklin took the call. The person explained that God had placed on his heart that he should call him, and they should be in communication. He asked Franklin to send him an e-mail that he could reply to.

Franklin wasn't without suspicion. He prayed about it for a few days. Finally, he sent an e-mail, saying that he trusted the e-mail to God, and if the person was trying to run a scam, to please stop.

On the other end of the conversation, there had also been a lot of praying going on.

Pastor Paul Migowe of Kenya knew he would sound suspicious. He also receives many e-mails from people running scams. He once received a message from someone who said she was dying, and wanted to make a donation to his ministry. He asked her to send pictures, and he received pictures of a woman in a hospital bed on life support. He was asked for account numbers so someone could transfer him funds. He provided the number of an account with no money in it. He was contacted by someone claiming to be the executor of the woman's estate after she died, who said he would pay for half of his plane ticket to the funeral, if Migowe would send him the other half. Migowe didn't. The calls finally stopped.

Migowe knows there are many people in the world who lie to trick people out of money. He

knew he would appear to be one of them. Yet, he carried a burden.

In his home of Kenya, it can be difficult for people with disabilities to come to Christ. Many spend long days looking for people with enough compassion to give them some money for food. Migowe says only about one in 20 do.

At the end of

the day, they barely have enough money so they don't starve. Migowe is in ministry with such people daily. He wants to do more to help them. He doesn't have resources. He turned to God.

"I decided to pray like I've never prayed before," Migowe said.

He felt his prayer was answered with the name "Doug Franklin"

laid on his heart. But he didn't know a Doug Franklin. So he googled it. His Internet search led him to the Dockery Chapel UMC website, a rural church in the Pony Express District where Franklin is senior pastor. Franklin lists his office phone, home phone and cell phone numbers on the website. Paying for Internet by the minute, he quickly jotted down the numbers.

But Migowe just couldn't make the call.

He thought he'd sound like a fraud. He didn't know what to

say. He would dial the first several numbers, and then hang up before he finished.

"I asked the Lord to give me courage and boldness," he said.

Finally the call was made around the first of this year, and Franklin and Migowe eased cautiously into a relationship, which soon became a friendship.

Migowe doesn't have use of his legs. He was ordained as a pastor in a different denomination, but later felt pushed aside because of his disability. During their first several communications, Franklin wasn't aware of Migowe's disability. Franklin did begin to ask Migowe if he, or his ministry, needed anything that Dockery Chapel could send them. Migowe refrained from making any such request, saying the Lord would provide a way for them to meet in person someday, and could discuss it then.

A component of Migowe's power chair stopped working, disabling the chair, so he asked Franklin if he could contact the company to see about getting a new part. The part was expensive, but a member of Dockery Chapel offered to

for about half as much money as it would cost to ship the chair," Franklin said.

So a visit was planned. Migowe had some difficulty with his visa, but persisted and, after a delay, was able to make the trip.

After a recent visioning process, Dockery Chapel established their vision as "Living the Love of Jesus, connecting the unconnected, growing in relationship with Christ." Franklin needed some kind of graphic for the brochure, so after struggling with it for a while, he finally just sketched out a heart with a cross on top.

"I'm not a 'heart' kind of guy, but that's what I came up with," he said.

When Migowe showed Dockery Chapel some of his old brochures from his ministry, his logo was also a heart with a cross on top.

"It was another sign showing me that we were meant to bring these ministries together," Franklin said. "I'm amazed at what God can do. Even when we live in different cultures, the blood of Christ is fresh, and is pulling people together."

Migowe's ministry, Overcoming Broken Hearts International, is working with 25 people who are blind, 16 who are deaf, and six with mobility difficulties. They gather for worship on Sunday, and he tries to provide them with enough food to make it through the week.

"I let people know they are loved by God, and can be used by God," Migowe said. "A lot of people now use the gifts and skills they have to serve God. They are begging from God, not from man."

Although Migowe's disability is permanent, he knows that in the

scheme of things, it's really temporary.

"This that you see before you is not Paul. It is a broken tent," he said. "One day I will fly out of this body. I know that from the depth of my heart."

Migowe said most people in Kenya with disabilities feel they are nothing.

"God called me to build an Army of nothings," he said.

The connection with Migowe was an answered prayer for Dockery Chapel.

"We felt God has called our church to social justice ministry, and serve as his hands and to connect to those in need," Franklin said. "But we're located in a very rural area, and knew that the people in our community didn't have the extreme needs that people did in other places. We thought we would probably need to look outside of our own community. We just didn't know we would be going this far out."

Migowe arrived in the U.S. on June 19, and flew home on July 11. While at Dockery Chapel, Migowe preached for a four-day revival, and spoke to 200 youth who were part of a Youth Worldchangers group that was working in the area. During his time there, he touched many people. Aidan Stevenson, a member of Dockery Chapel, has decided to move to Kenya to help Migowe with his ministry. The church is currently looking into shipping his car over there, and packing it full of mission supplies for the trip. Migowe and Franklin visited the PET Center in Columbia while Migowe was here, to explore the possibility of taking some of the hand-cranked wheelchairs to Kenya. Dockery Chapel is planning on sending a team of volunteers to Kenya later this year.

"Our vision of this is to have our two churches become one," Franklin said.



donate a power chair that was no longer needed. But shipping the chair to Kenya was going to cost thousands of dollars.

"We found we could have him fly here, and then send him back home in the chair (which the plane has to check through)

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was next door to it, and doing foundation work on another that was just started across town.

Ron Hansen is a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, and a member of Wesley UMC.

“We really appreciate having the youth come here this summer and help us out,” he said.

Just over the hill from the Habitat houses, youth were helping with children at a state-funded day care center for people who meet income guidelines.

“Playing, reading books, making bracelets, digging holes in the sand... you name it, they’ve done it,” said Mark Walker, youth director and worship leader from Ozark UMC. Ozark had five youth and two adults participating in the work camp. Walker went with the youth from the church to Kansas City and Colorado last year, and will go to Colorado again this year after the Jefferson City work camp.

“This gets the kids out of the house, away from the television, and puts them in service to communities. It teaches them to be more mission-minded,” Walker said. “The Conference trips work very well for us. Bev and her staff (the Conference Council Youth Ministries volunteers) are very well organized. It makes it easy for folks like us to just pick the date and go.”

John Birkhead, director of student ministries at Green Trails

UMC in St. Louis, had a work team sorting and folding clothes at the Rainbow House in Columbia. He said their church is also sending two youth groups on two Conference youth work camps this year, like it did last year.

“We’ve doubled the number of youth we have participating in mission trips,” he said. “The Bible says to be in mission to Judea, Samaria and the ends of the earth. We start incoming sixth graders with a two-day mission in St. Louis, and build on that.”

Birkhead appreciates how the worship experiences at the Conference work camps are lead by CCYM.

“By having everything run by student volunteers, the youth can really relate to them,” he said.

For one Green Trails youth, Sam Irwin, this was her third mission trip. She also goes to camp each summer, and had just returned from camp at Blue Mountain in Southeast Missouri, which she attended with her older brother. He’s going on the youth work camp to Colorado this year. While Sam in doing community service projects around Jefferson City, her mother is part of a 16-person team from Green Trails that is volunteering in Mozambique.

“We were excited as we planned to be gone at the same time, serving people in different parts of the world,” she said.



“Knowing your helping others gives you a really good feeling.”

Fellow Green Trails youth Thomas Ziervogel said he had spent the morning at the Cedar Creek Therapeutic Riding Center. He was weeding, something he doesn’t do at home.

“It was tiring, but we got a lot accomplished,” he said.

A group of half a dozen youth from Sikeston were across town working at the Agape House, doing maintenance on the landscaping and business. The house is a place for families to stay while they are visiting family members in prison. The youth were impressed with facility.

“It’s really cozy,” Crystal Sharp said. “It would feel like going to your grandma’s house.”

This was the first mission trip for Monica Ortiz of Avondale UMC in Kansas City. Her son Mateo Estrada was with her, but she was the one fired up about coming.

“I had to talk him into it. This is as much for me as it is for him,” she said.

Ortiz said the youth were enjoying fellowship and worship, and were learning a lot on the work experiences. On Wednesday her group was serving lunch at the Salvation Army.

“They were really pumped for this,” she said. “They did all of the shopping, cooking, serving and clean-up themselves.”

For more information about Conference youth activities, go to [www.moumethodist.org/youth](http://www.moumethodist.org/youth).



**Youth Teams serve sevTop: Sikeston youth at the Agape House. Center: Green Trails youth at the Rainbow House. Bottom: Ozark youth at a daycare center.**

## Witness to Service

I experienced The Church last night. A group of nearly 150 youth and adult sponsors representing 12 churches from across the conference have gathered in Jefferson City for a mission work camp experience this week. My husband (District Superintendent Elmer Revelle) and I went to greet them and thank them for the work they were doing in the Mid-State District. As they closed their first day of service, I was privileged to worship with them and to hear their witness as they shared the experiences of their day. The youth shared stories of caring for children, feeding the homeless, working at the Food Bank, painting, weeding, and building ramps. They laughed as they talked about waiting for supplies, working in the rain, being chased by wasps, painting and repainting, and a seemingly endless mound of cereal. Through the laughter, they movingly told how their individual experiences of helping others touched their lives and broadened their view of life. One of the older students said that she saw the face of God in the face of the woman who was so grateful for the ramp that was being built for her home. Well, I saw the face of God in the faces of each one of those young people. I have heard the expression that children and youth are the Church of the future, but I can testify from my experience last night that they are not the Church of the future, but indeed the Church of right now. I am grateful to these young people for the witness they shared with me, the witness they are sharing with those receiving their help, and the witness they will continue to share as they serve God in the days ahead. I truly experienced The Church last night.

*Diana Revelle*



## Grandview takes service outside for community

On Sunday, May 30, Grandview United Methodist Church in Grandview combined its two Sunday services into one mid-morning outdoor praise service. Seated on the front lawn of the church, the congregation enjoyed praise music provided by the praise singers of the church and guest musicians "Just Short of Glory". The liturgical dancers provided a dance to "Shackles," and the church dedicated six flood recovery buckets. Following worship, the congregation enjoyed barbecue and a covered dish lunch on the lawn. Sue Reames, the Senior Pastor

of GUMC says, "We invited the entire neighborhood to worship and eat with us. We had some drop in guests and saw some folks singing and dancing to the music in their own front yards. It was great to see such a response."

Every July the church begins its Vacation Bible School with an ice cream social and ends it with a cook out and picnic. "These events are other ways we tell the community we are an active church and the events make great outreach tools to the surrounding neighborhood," Pastor Reames adds.



The liturgical dancers of Grandview United Methodist Church dance to "Shackles."



## 27 respond to H.I.M.

On June 12, 26 Webster Hills United Methodist Church members and visiting Mozambican pastor Rev. Salvador Bacar Catine went outside walls on their first 2010 Hands In Mission (H.I.M.) project. After a time of devotion and send-off, the group traveled in car-pools 15 minutes to Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House in East St. Louis. The "Neighborhood House" is a United Methodist supported organization that serves the East St. Louis community in a multitude of programs and services. The "tasks" for the morning were sanitizing chairs and toys, painting doorways and a stage, landscaping, and moving gravel in the playground in preparation of a new rubberized surface. The group divided into teams and went to work.

When the tasks were completed, the group gathered in the conference room for the "purpose" of the visit. Bill Kreeb, Director, told the group how the Neighborhood House serves those in need: infants to senior citizen daycare, pre-kindergarten, youth services, a food pantry, a work program, and programs to get gang members and prostitutes off the streets. It is an amazing example of Christian service, and both the Neighborhood House and Webster Hills UMC benefited from the mission. It is the beginning of what is hoped to become a continuing relationship.

A variety of participants serve in H.I.M. and this day included children about 10 years old,

youth, adults and seniors age 83 and 85 manning the water station outside. Tasks were available for all ages and many abilities. Special visitor from Mozambique, Salvador Bacar, worked hard with the team shoveling gravel but said he felt good about what was accomplished. Bacar is a current member and previous pastor of Webster Hills' partner church, Matola UMC in Mozambique.

During the advance visit scouting the opportunity, Kreeb commented, "This is just what we need here. We have teams come for extended periods, but the short-term mission allows more people to serve and learn about the ministry." He went on to comment that the short-term nature of the mission is a refreshing difference. It does not include the complications of preparing food and lodging, and people taking off of work during weekdays.



Webster Hills UMC learned that studies by The Willow Creek Association reveal that "Serving is the most catalytic

experience offered by churches." Serving builds community. This kind of meaningful service is a matter of the heart, and H.I.M. is an opportunity for that.

The H.I.M. model of short-term mission was birthed at Webster Hills in 1995 when teams went out monthly from March through October. A leader scouts and plans the mission and the church publishes notice of the project. Then people just show up at 8 am on the scheduled



Saturday morning. They are sent off with a devotion to focus their spirit in service. Mission projects are sought in locations where the group can travel there and back by noon, and still accomplish significant tasks for the ministry served. Before departure, the group learns about that ministry with the hope of building long-term relationships that include more than the single "HIM" day.

To learn more about this short-term mission model contact Bill Kreamer at [cwkreamer@hughes.net](mailto:cwkreamer@hughes.net) 636-271-7080.

# Conference Calendar

Date	Event	Location	Phone #	Contact
7/11/2010	Youth Workcamp-Cherokee Nation, OK Week 1	Oklahoma	(573) 291-9122	Bev Boehmer
7/18/2010	Youth Workcamp-Cherokee Nation, OK Week 2	Oklahoma	(573) 291-9122	Bev Boehmer
7/23/2010	Missouri Conference School of Lay Ministries	Central Methodist University	(573) 441-1770	Mike Harrison
7/25/2010	Youth Workcamp-Colorado Week 1	Colorado	(573) 291-9122	Bev Boehmer
7/29/2010	Cooperative School of Christian Mission	Central Methodist University	(660) 647-2354	Nancy Mountain
8/1/2010	Youth Workcamp-Colorado Week 2	Colorado	(573) 291-9122	Bev Boehmer
8/5/2010	Willow Creek Leadership Summit, August 5-6, 2010	Living Word UMC	(636) 821-2800	Kelly Vincent
8/14/2010	Certified Lay Ministry- United Methodism Polity and Doctrine	Conference Center	(877) 736-1806	Mike Harrison
8/14/2010	UMW Conference Mission Team & Finance	Conference Center	(816) 628-5520	Carol Renfro
8/14/2010	Basic & Advanced Lay Speaking Course	Kingsway UMC-Springfield		Dorothy Brucks
8/20/2010	PAUMC Annual Conference	Wesley UMC	(417) 866-5361	Susie Mason
8/25/2010	Midnight Oil	Christ Community UMC-Joplin	(573) 441-1770	Tammy Calcote
9/11/2010	Mission, Service & Justice Ministry Teams	Conference Center	(573) 474-7155	Max Marble
9/11/2010	Camp Jo-Ota Youth Rally 2010	Camp Jo-Ota	(660) 346-8834	Mike Leonard
9/16/2010	MO East Walk to Emmaus Men's Walk #127	Camp Mo-Val		Bob Northrup
9/17/2010	Inside the World of Teenagers with Chap Clark	Manchester UMC	(573) 441-1770	Mike Harrison
9/22/2010	Midnight Oil	Community UMC	(573) 441-1770	Tammy Calcote
9/25/2010	United Methodist Women Annual Meeting	Jefferson City First UMC	(816) 628-5520	Carol Renfro
9/27/2010	Midnight Oil	Church of the Shepherd	(573) 441-1770	Tammy Calcote
10/1/2010	BOM Psych Testing	Conference Center	(573) 777-1213	Jenny Gragg
10/7/2010	Fall Walk to Emmaus	Baptist Hill Camp	(417) 739-5008	Dave Williams
10/14/2010	Fall Walk to Emmaus	Baptist Hill Camp	(417) 739-5008	Dave Williams
10/16/2010	Festival of Sharing	Missouri State Fairgrounds	(573) 474-3332	Terri Williams
10/23/2010	Certified Lay Ministry-Five Practices of Vital Congregations	Conference Center	(573) 777-1217	Mike Harrison
10/25/2010	BOM Meeting	Conference Center	(573) 441-1770	Trudy McManus
11/4/2010	MO East Walk to Emmaus Women's Walk #128	Camp Mo-Val		Sally Gragg
2/5/2011	Mission, Service & Justice Ministry Teams	Conference Center	(573) 474-7155	Max Marble
3/24/2011	2011 Spring MO East Walk to Emmaus Men's Walk #129	Pinecrest Camp		TBD
4/14/2011	2011 Spring MO East Walk to Emmaus Women's Walk #130	Pinecrest Camp		TBD
5/13/2011	United Methodist Women Spiritual Growth Retreat	Rickman Center	573-636-8149	Shari Scott
6/3/2011	Annual Conference	Springfield Expo Center	(573) 441-1770	Mike Harrison
9/10/2011	Mission, Service & Justice Ministry Teams	Conference Center	(573) 474-7155	Max Marble
10/15/2011	Festival of Sharing	Missouri State Fairgrounds	(573) 474-3332	Terri Williams
2/4/2012	Mission, Service & Justice Ministry Teams	Conference Center	(573) 474-7155	Max Marble
9/8/2012	Mission, Service & Justice Ministry Teams	Conference Center	(573) 474-7155	Max Marble
10/20/2012	Festival of Sharing	Missouri State Fairgrounds	(573) 474-3332	Terri Williams

## Job Postings

### Part-time Choir and Hand Bell Director - Lee's Summit UMC

The Lee's Summit United Methodist Church is seeking a part-time traditional Choir and Hand Bell director. Contact: Lori Webster, Director of Worship Arts at [lwebster@every1church.com](mailto:lwebster@every1church.com) or call (816) 524-4966.

### Part-time Family Ministry Coordinator - College UMC

College UMC in Warrenton is seeking a part-time Family Ministry Coordinator to lead a team of volunteers in creating the best hour in each child's week, and to passionately engage families and church to influence the next generation to follow Jesus. TO APPLY: Please respond by July 31, 2010 by sending a resume and two references to Rev. Christiane Batjer, 701 E. Booneslick, Warrenton, MO 63383 or [cbatjer@centurytel.net](mailto:cbatjer@centurytel.net).

### 3/4-time Secretary, Court Street UMC (Fulton)

Office experience, Office 2007 skills, ability to learn new computer programs, passion to make disciples for Christ, problem solving skills & an ability to deal with the public required. Web development skills preferred. Pay will be commensurate with skills from up to \$12 per hour. To apply send letter introducing your desire to be in ministry and professional resume with references to [revdiana@att.net](mailto:revdiana@att.net).

### Youth Coordinator, Asbury UMC

Asbury UMC in Springfield has a vacancy for a part-time Youth Coordinator to offer leadership, discipleship formation, resourcing and programming to our youth. The successful candidate will serve on our ministry staff team. Applicants must be able to obtain 'Safe Sanctuaries' certification with the Missouri Conference of the United Methodist Church. Interested persons should request information, an application and a job description from the church office at 1500 South Campbell Ave, Springfield, MO 65807 or by e-mailing us at [jobs@asburyunit-methodist.org](mailto:jobs@asburyunit-methodist.org).



## Population changes, but medical school still provides critical service

By Laura Marble

A white-coated crowd fills the pews of an airy chapel in Northern India. The gatherers will not stay put for long. They are nursing students all suited up for another busy day of medical training. But for the moment, they pause to pray, reflect and join in a hymn that reminds them why they are in school. To the gentle beat of a tambourine, they sing, “We are serving together unto Thee.”

The students at Christian Medical College in Ludhiana, population 1.3 million, are part of a long tradition of service that dates back more than a century. It all started with a young missionary doctor from England named Edith Brown. As a child, Brown learned that millions of women in India could not get medical care. That’s because they were Muslim, and

male doctors were not allowed in the women’s sections of their homes.

Brown quickly set her mind on studying medicine. At age 27, she set out for India as a full-fledged doctor. Three years later, in 1894, she founded Ludhiana’s medical school for girls.

The school, later named Christian Medical College, served Northern India through difficult times. Its students cared for patients through a famine, an earthquake and even a

plague. In the late 1940s, the partitioning of Pakistan from India brought great civil unrest, and

the students cared for victims of that, too.

The partition changed the make-up of Ludhiana in a way that was fundamental for the college. It spurred a great migration of Muslims to Pakistan.

Very quickly, the population that the school set out to help – Muslim women and children – all but disappeared. These days, the college faculty and interns see as

### OCM promotes Ludhiara

The Ludhiana Christian Medical College is a 2010 Festival of Sharing project. The Conference Creative Ministries Team has also adopted the Ludhiana Christian Medical College and Hospital for a three year period. Congregations may support this ministry through the General Advance of the United Methodist Church or through the Festival of Sharing. More information about all of this may be found at <http://umocm.com>



The photos on this page are of Ludhiana medical school, and were submitted by the school.



many male patients as women, and they treat an evolving spectrum of serious health issues that includes diabetes, heart disease and glaucoma. Vans regularly drive through rural areas to pick up men, as well as women, for eye surgeries, because one person’s bad eyesight can cost a whole family a livelihood.

Since female health workers are no longer in overwhelming demand, the college now admits

some male students. But that’s not an indication that traditional beliefs or habits are no longer issues in women’s health, according to Rev. Stanley Thomas, the school’s head chaplain.

Most burn patients in Ludhiana

are women, Thomas said. That’s partly due to cooking accidents and partly due to women receiving kerosene burns for disgracing in-laws.

And even though women in Northern India are more able to see male doctors now than they were a hundred years ago, men in

Northern India generally aren’t drawn to the field of gynecology, Thomas said, so female gynecologists fill an important gap.

Although Christian Medical College’s services have evolved over the years to fit its ever-changing community, the school has remained true to Brown’s mission-minded vision.

Each year, Christian students receive scholarships from churches to study in the medical, dental

or nursing school. In return for full-tuition scholarships, the students agree to serve for two years in Indian hospitals where they are needed.

This past year, churches sponsored more than half of the school’s 850 students.

The Methodist Church of India sponsored 33. In the words of the hymn sung in the college’s airy chapel, students, faculty and Indian churches are carrying forward a century-long vision by “serving together unto Thee.”

### Become a Friend of Ludhiana

Individuals and families may become a “Friend of Ludhiana” with a \$25 contribution and congregations may do so with a \$100 contribution. One hundred percent of the contribution will go directly to Ludhiana for this ministry. Send your contribution to the Office of Creative Ministries, 3009 David Drive, Columbia, MO 65203. Or become a Friend of Ludhiana and contribute on line at <http://umocm.com>