



THE CONNECTOR

.....The Canal District Newsletter.....

Rev. Dr. Valerie W. Stultz, District Superintendent

The Canal District exists to support and encourage seventy-seven churches in the making of Disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Rev. Dr. Valerie W. Stultz

"Praise God In His Sanctuary"

DECEMBER 2011/January 2012

"Still the Dear Christ Enters In"

**"... where meek souls will receive him,
still the dear Christ enters in."**

The last line of the third verse of the beloved Christmas hymn above was penned by the renowned preacher, Phillips Brooks in 1868 as he prepared for a children's Christmas program. The words of Brooks prompt us to ponder our ability to receive Christ as we embrace three seasons which are critical to our faith development. If we cannot receive (Advent), celebrate (Christmas) and recognize the light of Christ (Epiphany), then how can we ever begin to live, die and be resurrected with Him?



The dictionary defines "meek" as being characterized by patience and long suffering. Did Brooks choose the words, "... where meek souls will receive him..." to remind the worshippers that adversity and pain are the gifts of life that prepare us to receive the Christ? If this is so, then how is it that our soul is meek and ready to receive, celebrate and recognize the great gift that God has in store for us? How is it that our hearts must yet be broken open to receive him?

Brooks assures us that "still (even in 2011) the dear Christ enters in." Let us give thanks for yet another year and another opportunity to receive, celebrate and recognize the gift which grows more dear year by year.

Valerie

2011 Church Conference Season Brims with Hope and Promise

"By George, I think we've got it," I thought over and over again as I drove away from the thirteen compass group church conferences this fall. Leaders are speaking with knowledge, compassion and love about the people who live outside of the doors of the church. Congregations have planned and implemented intriguing and exciting ways to reach their neighbors for Christ. The enthusiasm and passion flowed freely in the telling of the stories of connection and grace. Both the givers and the receivers testified to being blessed beyond expectation.

As the conferences concluded, I witnessed people walking across the room to engage members of other churches in conversation about how their initiatives of grace were planned and implemented. The walls are crumbling, the Spirit is flying free, and the grace of God in Christ is flowing!

By George, I think we've got it!

Valerie

ARE YOU PRAYING?

During the coming weeks, please lift these churches and their pastors in prayer:

- Dec. 4** - Dalton
- Dec. 11** - East Greenville
- Dec. 18** - North Lawrence: Faith
- Dec. 25** - Family of Faith
- Jan. 1** - Firestone Park
- Jan. 8** - Goodyear Heights
- Jan. 15** - Grandview
- Jan. 22** - Granger
- Jan. 29** - Green Valley



GRANT APPLICATIONS

BLOCK GRANT applications will be available mid-December. If interested in applying, send an email to Sheryl Reynolds, treasurer, at twocrazy@roadrunner.com

TAP GRANT applications are due by January 1st. Applications and instructions are on the district website, www.canaldistrictumc.org.

A Reminder to Church Treasurers



In order for your church's **shared giving** to be deemed complete, all payments must be in by January 1. Please do not delay in submitting your payments. The world awaits our church's healing and grace in the name of Jesus Christ. Please be sure as well that your pastor's **health care and pension** bills are up to date. Arrearages in these areas become the liability of your sister congregations of the East Ohio Conference.

D.S. Valerie's Calendar

Saturday, November 26 -

Saturday, December 3 - Vacation

Sunday, December 4 -

8:30 a.m. - Preach at Seville UMC

Monday, December 5 -

9:30 a.m. - CPAC

3:00 p.m. - Wadsworth UMC

6:30 p.m. - Atwater SPRC

Tuesday, December 6 - 7:00 p.m. - Church

Conference, Northampton/HEART

Wednesday, December 7 - 9:30 a.m. -

1:00 p.m. - Clergy Advent Gathering

Thursday, December 8,

Friday, December 9 - Cabinet

Saturday, December 10 - 9:00 a.m. -

Delegation meeting at MTSO

Sunday, December 11 - 8:00 a.m. -

Shreve UMC Building Dedication

Monday, December 12 -

6:00 p.m. - Lockwood UMC meeting

Tuesday, December 13

7:00 p.m. - Greensburg SPRC

Wednesday, December 14 -

7:30 p.m. - Mogadore UMC SPRC

Thursday, December 15 -

9:30 a.m. - Conference Office

12:00 p.m. - BOM at North Canton Faith

6:30 p.m. - Twin Falls UMC SPRC

Monday, December 19 -

7:00 p.m. - Centenary UMC CC

Tuesday, December 20 -

6:00 p.m. - Seville UMC SPRC

Wednesday, December 21

6:00 p.m. - Preach at North Canton UMC

Friday, December 23

All Day - Family of Faith UMC -

Prepare Homeless dinner

Friday, December 23 - Tuesday,

January 2, Office Closed

Monday, January 2

9:30 a.m. - CPAC

Wednesday, January 4 -

Friday, January 6 - Cabinet

Saturday, January 7 - 10:30 a.m. -

Strongsville UMC Holy Land meeting

Sunday, January 8 -

8:00 a.m. - Preach at Ravenna UMC

Monday, January 9 -

7:00 p.m. - Lay Speakers Meeting

Wednesday, January 11 - 7:00 p.m. -

Sharon Center Ad. Council meeting.

Thursday, January 12 - 9:30 - a.m. -

Clergy Task Force Interviews

Tuesday, January 17 -

Thursday, January 19 - Cabinet

Wednesday, January 25 -

8:30 - 1:00 p.m. - Dcom

Thursday, January 26 -

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. - MTD

Friday, January 27 - 9:00 a.m. -

Retirees at Waterloo Restaurant

Saturday, January 28 - 9:30 a.m. -

Canal District Leadership Training

Wadsworth UMC

Sunday, January 29 - 2:00 p.m. -

Three Rivers Leadership Training

Tuesday January 31 -

Thursday, February 9 - Israel Trip

Clergy Advent Gathering

December 7, 2011

9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Akron: First UMC
(Holiday lunch provided)**

All clergy, active and retired,
are encouraged to
gather as we enter
this season of Advent.

*...where meek souls will receive
him, still the dear Christ enters in.*



*Please R.S.V.P. today if you
haven't already:
330-252-0299*



Jim McKenzie
(retired pastor) and
family. Mary, Jim's
wife, entered within
heaven's gates on
November 5, 2011.

Mary was a member at Seybert United Methodist Church. She served with her husband at Ohio River Charge - Sardis, Ohio, Chapel Hill Charge - Woodsfield, Ohio, Lorain Emmanuel/ Faith UMC, Adena/ Harrisville UMC, Grandview UMC - Cuyahoga Falls. She served as a lay speaker for the United Methodist Church, and a Sunday School teacher at the churches she served.

Through the years Mary gave her time to her family, friends, and strangers. She was always there for everyone, especially her grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

**Books
Available
for \$10 each**



We have the Book: *Joy To The World; Mission in the Age of Global Christianity*, by Dana L. Robert, available in the district office. We have 9 copies. It is one of the United Methodist Women studies. If you are interested in buying a book or more for \$10, please let Debbie know. We really don't want to have to send them back. There was going to be a study in our district, but there wasn't enough interest.

Thank you, Debbie Bryant, Administrative Assistant Canal District, UMC

Happy Birthday, Happy Anniversary - Canal District Clergy and Family

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Scott Hayward
7 Waneta Shilling
10 Valerie Stultz
14 Dan Baer
15 Merlen Levering
16 Zach Burkhardt
21 Tami Toothman-
Shoup
27 Titus Burkhardt
29 Michael Swab



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Dale Patterson
2 Calvin King
3 Michelle Bissell
12 Cindy Patterson
15 Linda Somerville
19 Linda Kaliszewski
23 Jesse Ebert
24 Mary Wolf
27 Nan Morgan
31 Bob Wagner

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

6 Mike & Linda Somerville
20 Nan & John Morgan

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

15 Vicki & David Hillman-
Breckner

Equipping Missional Congregations for the 21st Century

Through Covenant Discipleship Groups - Rev. Dr. Steven W. Manskar

Director of Wesleyan Leadership - General Board of Discipleship-UMC - **Saturday, February 4, 2012, 9:00 a.m. - 4 p.m.,**

Akron First UMC, 263 East Mill St., Akron, OH 44313 - Cost: \$25 per person, Deadline: January 27, 2012 -

Download a brochure at: <http://tlccumcld.blogspot.com/2011/10/equipping-missional-congregations-for.html>

INFORMATION REQUESTED

- HISTORIAN OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS AND CHURCH ANNIVERSARY DATES REQUESTED

The East Ohio Conference Commission on Archives and History is seeking nominations for the Local Church Historian of the Year Award. Nominations with supporting evidence of historical work and activity done by him or her should be submitted by March 1, 2012.

Local churches celebrating significant anniversaries of their founding (100, 125, 150, 175 and 200 years) are asked to send a letter on their church stationery stating their anniversary information by March 1, 2012.

Please send Historian nominations and Church anniversary information to: Rev. Don Trigg, Chairman, EOC Commission on and History, 130 E. Walnut St., Galion, OH 44833. For further information telephone 330-715-5504, or email DLT419@aol.com.

HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS

Note: If your church has a news item, event, or job opening to publish, send the information to the District Office by the 20th of the month.

Saturday evening services, Lakemore UMC at 5:30 p.m. For information call the church 330-733-6531.

Second Tuesday of each month, Ravenna First UMC, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - **The New You: Widows Support Group**. Please call the church with any questions 30-297-7196.

Last Saturday of each month, Clinton UMC, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. - **Soup and Salad Dinners**. Carry-outs, Church: 330-882-6586.

Sunday evenings, Hope UMC - at 6:00 p.m. View the first in a series of **DVD lessons from Focus on the Family's The Truth Project**, Church phone: 330-753-2303.

Saturday, December 3, Lockwood UMC, 4 p.m., **Concert** (Majestic Voice) approx. 40 members, and **Pot Luck/Carry in Dinner** at 5:00 p.m. 330-644-2227. <http://majesticvoice.org>

Sunday, Dec. 4, Hudson UMC, 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. - **Search for the Christ Child**, An Interactive 30 minute journey which begins where a census is taken. Phone: 330-650-2650. Free.

Sunday, Dec. 4, Northampton UMC, 7:30 p.m., **Advent Remembrance Service**. A time to gather together and remember loved ones that have died. If you would like to submit a photo to share email Cheryl@numchurch.org or call 330-929-0015.

Saturday, Dec. 10, Family of Faith UMC, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **UMW Annual Cookie Sale**. \$6.00 per lb. cookies and candy. Church phone: 330-376-2141.



Saturday, Dec. 10, Manchester UMC, 7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., **Pancake Breakfast**. Also, scrambled eggs, sausage and beverages. Call 330-882-6241 or 330-882-4818.

Saturday, Dec. 10, Sharon Center UMC, 9:00 a.m. - Noon. **Cookie Walk Bake Sale**. \$6/lb. Call 330-239-1616 .

Saturday, Dec. 10, Atwater UMC, 3:00 p.m. A free **Christmas Concert** by "Peace Together Choir." Refreshments will be served afterwards. For info call 330-947-2367.

Sunday, Dec. 11, First Church in Cuyahoga Falls UMC, 7:00 p.m. **The Festival of Carols**. All of their vocal choirs and Chancel Ringers. Call church for info: 330-923-5241.

Friday, Dec. 16, Clearview UMC, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. **Swiss Steak dinner**. Carryout Available. Call for more information: 330-644-7277. Handicapped Accessible.

Manchester UMC - An Evening of "Foot Stompin" Blue Grass, Will not take place in December. Questions call: 330-882-4818. See January 20 for next event.

Saturday, Dec. 17, Manchester UMC, 7:00 p.m. Presents feature film **"The Polar Express."** Free. Popcorn, ice and cups, and hot chocolate.. RSVP so we have enough seats and bells, 330-882-4818 or email: mumc5625office@at.net

Friday, Jan. 20, Manchester UMC Covered dish dinner at 7:30 p.m. **An Evening of "Foot Stompin" Blue Grass**, Questions call: 330-882-4818.



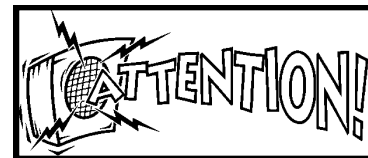
Pathways to Ministry Internship Project looking for 2012 Candidates

The Pathways to Ministry Internship Project of East Ohio Annual Conference was established through the Board of Ordained Ministry. The Ministry Internship Project is for those who are genuinely open to the idea of God's calling. It is an opportunity to discover whether their gifts and graces match the needs and requirements of ministry within the church.

The program will provide experience in Christian ministry within the United Methodist setting with a peer and mentor group for further reflection and discernment.

At least five college students who have completed two years of study and are between the ages of 19-24 will be selected from applicants from across the East Ohio Conference. Check out last months newsletter for more information or see the website below.

Applications and further information available from Tim Morrison at tmorrison@spencerchurch.com or online at http://www.ecumc.com/answering_call/introduction.html



Identity ~ Maintaining yours in Christ

A retreat for College Sophomores through 24 years olds - December 27, 3:00 p.m. to December 29, 2:00 p.m.

At Camp Aldersgate - Carrollton, Ohio - Cost is \$79 and includes 3 days/2 nights w/meals and accommodations.

Joining the Aldersgate Staff for this event as guest speaker and "Activity" leader will be Matt Elrod from CBS's Survivor: Redemption Island.

Check out last months newsletter for more information or the website below.

Registration deadline is December 16 - - - www.campaldersgate.org

Tolerance, Acceptance, and Understanding: Where is the Church?

Sponsored by: Barrier Breakers Ministries. Sponsored by co-leaders: Mr. Bernard McQueen, and Mr. David Cantrall

Date: December 6, Time: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., Location: New Freedom Ministries, Rev. Tonya Fields, Pastor, 3476 E 152nd St., Cleveland, OH 44120 - Workshop Presenter: Dr. Gloria Brown,

Director of Racial-Ethnic Ministry, East Ohio Conference, United Methodist Church. Continental Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. RSVP:800-831-3972, ext 133, dodgej@ecumc.com or 440-552-0914, cantrall.david@yahoo.com

Canal District Leadership Training January 28, 2012 Wadsworth UMC



See flyer on page 5 and 6

In January of 2011 we were stirred by the band from A Church for All People from Columbus, Ohio. This year's leadership event will feature

leaders from this same church who will share the amazing story of how the Spirit worked in their lives to prompt a mission of mercy and grace which today touches the lives of thousands outside their doors on behalf of Jesus Christ.

I am not only encouraging you, but I am unapologetically begging you to attend this event.

Whether your congregation is urban, town or rural, leaders will benefit from not only hearing about the Spirit's amazing work, but by being trained that day to join hands with the Jesus in his life-saving mission.

Valerie

You can come for the whole day or part of the day. Cost is \$20 per church and \$7 per person for lunch. Please register by January 20 to help us plan for numbers for lunch and other materials.

Registration 9:30 until 10:00 a.m.

Morning Training Workshops 10 until 11:30 a.m.

Staff/Pastor Parish Relations; Year Round Stewardship; Church Treasurer and Finance Secretary; Youth Ministry; Starting a New Worship Service; Trustees; Building a Sunday School for All Ages; Vital Traditional Worship; Building Consensus in Committees; and Staying Healthy in Ministry - Heart and Soul.

Lunch at 11:30 a.m., cost \$7 per person

Keynote Address at 12:30 p.m. -

John Edgar from Church for All People in Columbus "Engaging in Ministry with the Poor"

Afternoon Learning Workshops 1:30 until 3:00 p.m.

Led by staff members from Church for All People Welcoming Strangers; Doing Hands on Missions; Building an Inclusive Body of Christ through Worship; Faith Based Community Development; and Starting a Community Garden

Canal District Leadership Training

Saturday, January 28, 2012

Wadsworth U M Church

195 Broad St., Wadsworth, 44281



Keynote Speaker Rev. John Edgar

Church of All People in Columbus

Officer Training Workshops - New Opportunity Workshops

Canal District Leadership Training this year will combine the old and the new. We will have workshops that will train people for the various offices of the church BUT we will also have opportunities for you to learn how to do some new ministries in your church.

The Officer Training Workshops will be held in the morning, and the New Opportunities Workshops will be held in the afternoon, following a keynote address by Rev. John Edgar. Read through the registration material for more details.

- Registration from **9:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.**
 - Officer Training Workshops from **10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.** (* see below for a more detailed description).

Workshop	Who Should Attend	Led by
1. Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committees	SPRC and PPRC Chairs and committee members.	Rev. Valerie Stultz, Canal District Superintendent
2. Year-Round Stewardship*	Finance and Stewardship Chairs and Committee Members	Brian Sheetz, East Ohio Foundation
3. Church Treasurers and Finance Secretaries	Church Treasurers and Finance Secretaries	
4. Starting a New Worship Service	Worship Chairs and other interested persons	Rev. Russ Ham, Macedonia UMC
5. Youth Ministry	Youth Directors and Leaders	Rev. Katie Osier, Cuyahoga Falls UMC
6. Trustees	Trustees Chairs and committee members	
7. Building a Sunday School for All Ages	Education Chairpersons, Sunday School Superintendents, Sunday School Teachers	Family of Faith Education Team
8. Vital Traditional Worship: A Feast for the Senses*	Worship Chairs, Music Directors, Choir Directors, Altar Guilds, other interested persons	Pastor Derek Kubilus, Cuyahoga Falls and Peninsula UMCs
9. Building Consensus in Committees	Ad Council Chairs, Chairs of other committees, Ministry Team leaders	Rev. Larry Marshall, Hudson UMC
10. Staying Healthy in Ministry	Pastors	

Workshop Descriptions (for morning workshops):

2. **Year-Round Stewardship:** A strong stewardship program doesn't turn on in October and shut down at Thanksgiving. Many churches find great benefit from talking about money all year long. Brian will share practical, tested ways to inspire generosity and make our stewardship programs more about ministry and making disciples and less about asking for money.
8. **Traditional Worship: A Feast for the Senses** will explore all the reasons why traditional worship doesn't have to be boring worship...or even formal worship. Together we'll plumb the depths of Christian tradition and discover resources for turning all of worship services into "feasts" for the senses. We'll talk about how to step away from the traditional/contemporary debate and instead focus on mining all of Christian history for worship resources, resources that can help us bridge the generational divide, that will speak to old and young alike.

- Lunch at **11:30 a.m.**, served by the Wadsworth UMW. Cost \$7 per person.
- Keynote Address at **12:30 p.m.** - Rev. John Edgar from Church for All People in Columbus will speak on "Engaging in Ministry with the Poor."
- New Opportunity Workshops from **1:30 until 3 p.m.** led by the ministry team from Church for All People.

Workshop	Description
1. Welcoming Strangers	How you can build relationships with people who are different, including practicing radical hospitality on a one-to-one basis.
2. Doing Hands-On Missions	Each church has opportunities to launch direct-service ministries, such as a Free Store. Identify and build steps for those ministries.
3. Building an Inclusive Body of Christ through Worship	We will share best practices for developing worship services that draw together people from different socioeconomic classes as well as different racial/ethnic groups.
4. Faith-Based Community Development	We will focus on asset based principles to launch community development projects, partnership development, and information regarding the formation of a community development corporation.
5. Starting a Community Garden	Share resources and strategies for starting and sustaining a community garden.

**You can come for the whole day or for a part of the day.
 You can choose workshops in the morning and / or afternoon. The cost is the same.
 \$20 per church and \$7 per person for lunch.**

We don't need names - just numbers!

**You can also e-mail us your numbers or add on as more people want to attend: canaldistrictumc.neo.rr.com
 There will be an on-line fill-in form on our new website and we are hoping to have it up and running in early December, same web address: www.canaldistrictumc.org. Go to the Leadership Training Event Page.**

**You will not be able to pay on-line, but you can send in individual workshop choices.
 Please register by January 20 to help us plan for numbers for lunch and other materials.**

**Registration Form - return this with payment to the Canal District Office
 800 E. Market St., Akron, OH 44305
 (Please register by Jan. 20)**



Name of Church _____

How many will attend Officer Training Workshops? (morning) _____

How many will be eating lunch? _____

How many will attend the keynote address? _____

How many will attend the New Opportunity Workshops? (afternoon) _____

Cost - \$20 per church Amount \$ _____

Plus \$7.00 per person for lunch Amount \$ _____

Total enclosed: Total \$ _____

Make check out to the Canal District Office

Canal District Lay Speaker Course Offerings

March 2 (evening), 3 and 17, 2012 - BASIC - Registration deadline February 11.

April 20 (evening), 21 and May 5, 2012 - ACCOUNTABLE DISCIPLESHIP - Course focuses on the concept of the household of God, the importance of Scripture as divine revelation, Wesleyan understandings of grace and the importance of the office of class leader in the Methodist movement. Registration deadline March 27.

May 18 (evening), 19 and June 2, 2012 - TRANSFORMING EVANGELISM - Participants learn how to share their faith by telling and doing. Registration deadline April 24.

- **Please note:** Canal District Training takes place at Living Hope UMC, 3406 S. Hametown Rd., Norton 44203. Friday classes begin at 6:30 p.m. and end about 8:30 to 9:00. Saturdays begin at 9:00 a.m. and end 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. Registration is an absolute deadline in order to provide about three weeks for preparation. Materials are mailed a few days following registration. Forms are on the District website under "Lay Speakers" section.
- **Sign up early:** Questions about training in general contact Ron Rinehart, Associate Director for training, at 330-592-2161 or e-mail, rinehart@walsh.edu. For enrollment (registration etc.) contact Debbie Sloan, Registrar, at 330-283-6893 or dlsloan1@aol.com.

Go to the Canal District Website: www.canaldistrictumc.org and under Lay Speakers you will find forms and information and Lay Speakers Newsletters

Canal District Lay Speaker Association Meeting January 30, 2012

We will meet at 6:30 p.m. for a light supper. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. - Living Hope UMC - 3406 South Hametown Rd., Norton

TOPIC:



Are you still searching for your
BURNING BUSH

We will talk about another Caring Ministry that every church needs.

**THIS COULD BE YOUR BURNING BUSH!!!!
WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU FIND AND GET
STARTED IN YOUR MINISTRY**

Curt Thompson

"THE CONNECTOR" Newsletter—If you would like to be taken off the "snail-mail list" and added to the e-mail list, please e-mail Debbie Bryant your name and e-mail address: canaldistrictumc@neo.rr.com



America's Sunday Supper Honoring Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Celebrating Human Relations Day

When it's too cold to go outside this winter, make a difference by hosting an America's Sunday Supper. This two to three-hour event is a model for a Sunday evening program the night before the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. federal holiday. Go to the following website for resources and more information: <http://www.rethinkchurch.org/impact-event/americas-sunday-supper>

FREE ITEMS AVAILABLE

Retired pastor Walt Weston and his wife Dana will be moving from Wadsworth on Saturday, November 19. They have belongings they wish to give away free to anyone who can use them. Contact them at 330-336-0403.

Area rugs, air purifier, black bench settee, de-humidifier, grass trimmer, humidifier, kitchen stuff, ladder (2 ft.), lawn tools, lawn seed and fertilizer spreader, sewing machine, table, tools, trash cans, tv set, what-not shelves.

Baldwin-Wallace College Presents the 2012 Moll Lectures

Featuring: Dr. Belden C. Lane,
Professor of Theological Studies at St. Louis University.

Theme: The Power of Sacred Place: How Nature Engages the Soul

Wednesday, February 15, 2012, 7:30 p.m., Lindsay-Crossman Chapel, 56 Seminary St., Berea, OH 44017

Thursday, February 16, 2012, 10:00 a.m., Lindsay-Crossman Chapel, 56 Seminary St., Berea, OH 44017

Thursday, February 16, 2012, 2:00 p.m., Strosacker College Union, Sandstone 3, 120 E. Grand St., Berea, OH 44017

**Martin
Luther
King, Jr.
Day**



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is a United States federal holiday marking the birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It is observed on the third Monday of January each year, which is around the time of King's birthday, January 15.

King was the chief spokesman for non-violent activism in the civil rights movement, which successfully protested racial discrimination in federal and state law.

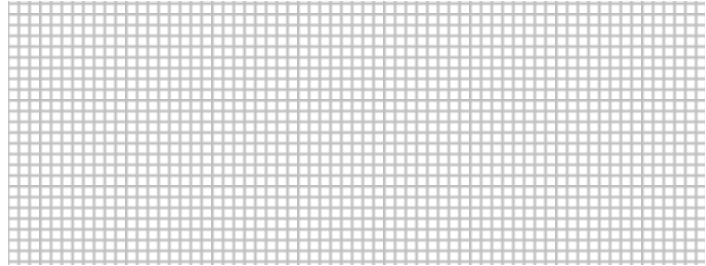
The campaign for a federal holiday in King's honor began soon after his assassination in 1968. Ronald Reagan signed the holiday into law in 1983, and it was first observed on January 20, 1986. It was officially observed in all 50 states for the first time in 2000.

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J O B O P E N I N G S

Medina UMC - Seeking qualified applicants for our **Director of Christian Education position**. Letters of interest with resumes may be submitted to the church office (260 S. Court St., Medina, OH 44256) to the attention of Craig Welsh, SPR Committee Chairperson. Contact Judy for a complete job description and qualification list: (330) 725-4943/mumc.office@zoominternet.net

Streetsboro UMC - Seeking a part-time (10 hour/week) **Youth Director**. Email questions or resume to StreetsboroUMC@gmail.com or send resume to P.O. Box 2005, Streetsboro, OH 44241.

Family of Faith UMC - looking for a dynamic part-time **Worship Leader/Musician** to help them start and plan a Contemporary Service. Send resumes, cover letter and references to FamFaithWorship@gmail.com or 800 E. Market St. Akron 44305.

Lake Brady UMC - pianist or organist/choir director, 330-673-0145 or lbumc@juno.com.

Church of the Cross UMC - **Christian Worship Leader**, Part-Time. Submit resume to: Worship Leader Search, 5100 Clevel. Rd., Wooster, Ohio 44691.

Hudson UMC childcare giver roster, Flexible hours, Contact church for application: 330/650-2650.

Atwater UMC, in need of a **Pianist**. Interested applicants may call the church at 330-947-2367 and leave a message, including the phone number for a return call.

Streetsboro UMC has a part-time **Youth Director** position open. Please contact the church at 330-626-4393, or email cover letter and resume to StreetsboroUMC@gmail.com



PLEASE NOTICE! THE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS ALWAYS THE 20th OF THE MONTH. THERE'S A COMBINED NEWSLETTER JUNE/JULY and DEC./JAN.

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