



October News & Updates

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YOU DO NOT WANT TO ATTEND THESE SEMINARS



Does this describe you?

- If 2020 has been a breeze, totally stress-free...you do not want to attend these webinars.
- If you like the status quo...you do not want to attend these webinars.
- If you have cornered the market on wellness knowledge...you do not want to attend these webinars.
- If you have "arrived" emotionally, physically, spiritually and financially ...you do not want to attend these webinars.

Or does this describe you?

- If 2020 has been a tough year ...we will see you soon.
- If you need some fresh new wellness ideas...we will see you soon.
- If you like a good challenge...we will see you soon.
- If you could use a little positive motivation in your life...we will see you soon.

Please see the attachment for more information regarding topics, speakers and of course dates and times. Attend one, attend all four, you choose the ones that best meet your needs and your schedule. But time is running out. **The first webinar begins October 6th.** To register for the free webinars, open the attachment and click on the time of the session you wish to attend. You will be directed to a WebEx registration page. After you register, an email with instructions on how to join your session will be sent to you. We're going to have a great time together.

[Click HERE for details](#)

Resources & Updates

- [Minimum Salaries and Pension Information for 2021](#)
- [A Message from Bishop Palmer as Churches Prepare for 2021](#)
- **Deadline for Charge Conference Paperwork**
 - Thank you to everyone who attended a Charge Conference to have paperwork reviewed and signed by an Elder. All information should be entered into MyChurch on the West Ohio Conference website by December 1. Contact the District Office for assistance.
- **2021 Apportionments & Health Insurance**
 - Each church will be receiving information from the West Ohio Conference Treasurer's Office by the end of this month with 2021 Conference & District Apportionment figures as well as information on Health Insurance changes for 2021.
- **Safe Sanctuaries Resources**
 - In 1996, the General Conference of The United Methodist Church adopted a resolution aimed at reducing the risk of abuse in the church. During the 2014 West Ohio Annual Conference, members passed a rule requiring each local congregation to establish a Safe Sanctuaries® policy and to update these annually. Each congregation's Safe Sanctuaries® Policy is subject to provisions described by the West Ohio Conference office responsible for the oversight of the Safe Sanctuaries® Policy implementation. [Click HERE for resources](#).



Children of Incarcerated Parents in SHV Counties Still Need Sponsors

Incarceration can strain family ties to the breaking point. **Angel Tree** shares the love of Christ in a tangible way and strengthens family bonds, delivering personalized gifts and the Gospel to children on behalf of their incarcerated parents at Christmas. Every Angel Tree family is also given access to a free, easy-to-read copy of the Bible in English or Spanish.

There are nine counties in our District, and last year, every child was sponsored. Here is the list of children who still need sponsors.

Adams - 31 Brown - 7 Fayette - 46 Highland - 0 Jackson - 14
Lawrence - 0 Pike- 17 Ross- 47 Scioto - 148

[How Angel Tree Works](#)

Churches and individuals can register to sponsor children by going to www.AngelTree.org or by contacting Michelle Payette, Angel Tree Coordinator, michelle_payette@pfm.org or 571-252-6839



Continuing our Prayer Ministry

It has been a standing custom to list several churches each month to lift in prayer. Please add these churches and their pastors to your prayer lists this month. Pray for the congregation, the pastor, their ministries and the communities they serve.

- **Week of October 4**
 - Russellville UMC, Pastor Mary Cyrus
 - Sardinia UMC, Pastor Jim Schroeder
- **Week of October 11**
 - Sonner's Chapel UMC, Pastor Lloyd Shoemaker
 - South Point UMC, Pastor Jamie Mosley
- **Week of October 18**
 - South Salem UMC, Pastor Scott Smith
 - South Webster Christ UMC, Pastor Ed Litteral
- **Week of October 25**
 - South Webster Grace UMC, Pastor Larry Moore
 - Spring Grove UMC, Pastor Becky Barnard
- **Week of November 1**
 - Springbank UMC, Pastor Jim Wade
 - Staunton UMC, Pastor Mark Armstrong



Introducing: Christian Family Credit Union!

In August members of the United Methodist Financial Credit Union received a notice indicating that the name would be changing to Christian Family Credit Union in the fall of 2020. We are excited to say that the time has finally arrived! **Effective Thursday, October 1st, your credit union will officially be called Christian Family Credit Union.**

This name change does NOT mean that we have merged with another Credit Union or that we are changing locations or staff. We are the same faith-based credit union with a team of individuals that you've come to know, trust, and love working with. Our commitment to the people and the ministries of The United Methodist Church remains strong and unchanged.

Stay Connected and Join the Conversation: #ChristianFamilyCU
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Disaster Response Ministry

When disasters happen, it is local churches that provide the first response to their communities. This basic understanding – that disaster response is local – forms the foundation for UMCOR's U.S. disaster training and response efforts. When responding to a disaster in the United States, UMCOR works with the conference disaster response ministries to provide the following:

- Financial assistance - emergency grants may be sent when a bishop of the affected conference contacts UMCOR;
- Expertise - UMCOR's disaster-response experience and knowledge are made available to those in need;
- Networking - connections with volunteers, experts, local government and other organizations can help communities recover from disaster.

[HOW YOU CAN HELP](#)

Teams have been requested to assist with clean up efforts in Florida, Georgia, Louisiana and Texas. If you are interested in leading a team or joining a team, contact the District Office for information.