



United Methodist Connections

A newsletter for United Methodists at the University of Indianapolis



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Important Dates

InConversation

UM clergy and UIndy
fac/staff gathering
October 24, 2007

High School Day

A day for prospective
students and their
families to visit and
sample university life!
October 26, 2007

Showers Symposium

United Methodist
Missions
March 27, 2008

Wesleyan Connexion

Project, 2nd session at
UIndy
June 16-19, 2008

President Speaks at UM Churches

Recent: President Pitts
spoke at Greenwood
United Methodist
Church on March 26
and Community UMC of
Vincennes on Sunday
April 22.

Upcoming: Christ
United Methodist
Church on January 20th
and McCordsville UMC
on March 2.

Welcome to the First Edition of United Methodist Connections!

Through this e-newsletter, the Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Programs at UIndy plans to highlight the activities and achievements of faculty, staff, and students affiliated with the United Methodist Church. We plan to publish this e-newsletter three times a year—October, February, and June. If you have items that you would like to share, please contact Cindy Tyree at 317-788-2106 or [ctyree @uindy.edu](mailto:ctyree@uindy.edu).

News and Notes

Chaplain Lang Brownlee took a well-deserved renewal leave in June and July 2007. During his absence the Rev. Nancy Flood served (part-time) as visiting chaplain. Nancy is a retired elder (South Indiana Conference).....Laura Steed '08 is serving as youth minister at Greenwood UMC for a second year.....Office Manager Cindy Tyree (Acton UMC) served on team for *The Journey Through Faith* retreat held in Gnadenhutten, Ohio.....Dean Michael Cartwright spoke about the "Four Wheels of Connectionalism" at the 2007 session of the South Indiana Conference (June 6-9) held in Bloomington. . . . Herb Cassel, Emeritus Professor of Philosophy & Religion, is serving as the Director of the Indiana Area United Methodist Extension Course of Study School. Over 100 part-time bi-vocational pastors of UM congregations from Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan meet at UIndy on weekends in the fall and spring for all-day sessions to meet requirements established by the UMC.

United Methodist Student Group Forms

UMYL Scholars Dani Diehl (diehld@uindy.edu) and Ryan Nelson (nelsonrd@uindy.edu) have begun the process of forming a formal student organization for United Methodists on campus. They extend a welcome to anyone interested in the United Methodist Church to join the group. For more information, please contact Dani or Ryan at their e-mail addresses listed above. Chaplain Lang Brownlee and Marylynn Winslow have agreed to serve as sponsors for this group.

Meet some of UIndy's United Methodist Personalities!

Interested in learning more about the university's connection to the United Methodist Church?

These booklets can be found on the EIP website

<http://eip.uindy.edu/crossings/publications/>

or a copy can be obtained from the Ecumenical & Interfaith Programs Office, SC203

United Brethren Memories in the University Heights Neighborhood

Echoes of the Past in
Conversations of the
Present Booklet #1

United Methodist Connections, Then and Now

Echoes of the Past in
Conversations of the
Present Booklet #2



Dr. Gregory Clapper is Professor of Philosophy and Religion and is in his tenth year of teaching at the University. Greg teaches Christianity; Christian Theology; Church History from the Reformation to the present; Christian Ethics; philosophical Ethics and Philosophy of Religion. He also teaches Wesley and the history of the UMC at Christian Theological Seminary.

Greg's home church is Christ United Methodist Church. He is an ordained UM elder (Iowa Conf). He is an endorsed chaplain in the Indiana National Guard and currently serves with the 122nd Fighter Wing, Indiana Air Force National Guard, Ft. Wayne. He has served overseas three times. His next deployment will be back to the U.S. Army hospital in Germany where they bring the injured troops from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Greg has written four books three of which were published by the UMC-related Upper Room Books. Greg received his B.A. from Carthage College, M.A. from University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, M. Div. from UM-related Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary and Ph.D. from UM-related Emory University.

Greg just lost 20 pounds eating almost nothing but meat (South Beach Diet). His favorite hymn is Charles Wesley's "Hark the Herald Angels Sing".



Sandy Osborne works in financial aid where she is assistant director, loan & work programs. She has been a staff member at the University for 16 years. When asked what the best part of working at a UM-related university is for her, she responded "the connection between my home church and the University."

Sandy is a member of the University Heights United Methodist Church and has attended this church since she was born. She plays in the hand bell choir, on occasion plays the flute for services, teaches Sunday school to the preschool class and serves on the Children's Center Committee.

Sandy is a graduate from Southport High School. She earned her BS degree in Business from the University of Indianapolis in 1988 and an MS degree in College Student Personnel from Indiana University in 1990.

Sandy's first and only dog was named Rocky. When asked what her favorite hymn is Sandy responded, "I have so many hymns that I love that it is hard to pick a favorite, but I would say one of my favorites is Amazing Grace."

The following students are the current recipients of the United Methodist Youth Leader Scholarships:

First Year:

Leann Davan

Katie Gainey

Chelsea Hixon

Aubree Tuell

Amanda Tyring

Sophomores:

Ryan Brock

Ben Cartledge

Danielle Diehl

Radcliffe Ganda

Suzanne Juncker

Juniors:

Hilary Foltz

Ryan Nelson

Chris Stephens

Seniors:

Ben Freeman

Lyndsay Davies

Laura Steed

United Methodist Youth Leader Scholars

Did you know that the University of Indianapolis offers scholarships for students who are members of the United Methodist Church that have provided notable leadership roles within the church and youth group? Students selected as UM Leadership Scholars receive a scholarship up to \$2000 per year for a maximum of four years of undergraduate study as a full-time student. These students receive vocation exploration and leadership development opportunities, in a context of intensive mentoring that prepare them for service as future clergy and lay leaders in the United Methodist Church.

Meet A United Methodist Youth Leader Scholar!



Dani's home church is Bethany UMC in Fort Wayne, Indiana, but while at the University, she is attending Greenwood UMC. Dani is currently on the North Indiana Conference UMC Board of Higher Education as a student representative. She has been to Lander, Wyoming for a mission trip as well as many Ft. Wayne district work camp such as Mountain Top and Camp O'Cumberlands, Red Bird Missionary Conference.

At the University, she is a member of the University speech team, Campus Crusade for Christ and she is helping start a new student organization called United Methodist Student Association. Dani is a United Methodist Youth Leader Scholar and has traveled to Taize, France for spring term.

Dani was born in Fort Bragg, North Carolina on a military base and lived there until she was six months old. Her favorite hymn is "Seek Ye First" followed closely by "Amazing Grace".

Dani's first "real" job was working at Logan Girl Scout Camp as a program assistant. She did all the jobs that no one else wanted to do! (Dani continues to do jobs "that no one else wants to do" as a student assistant in the Ecumenical and Interfaith Programs Office—just kidding!) In fact, she helped put together this first newsletter.

United Methodist "In-Conversation" at UIndy

The next session of the University's twice-a-year conversation with United Methodist leaders from around the state of Indiana will be held on Wednesday, October 24, 2007. Following the luncheon with students, Rev. Dr. Andy Kinsey, Senior Pastor of Vincennes Community UMC, will be drawing upon the work of the Wesleyan Connexion Project to sketch "An Agenda for Ministerial Excellence for United Methodist Church in Indiana." Kinsey's presentation will take place at 1:15 p.m. in SC 004 with responses and further conversation to follow. The event will conclude at 4 p. m. Please contact Cindy Tyree at 788-2106 if you are planning to participate in this session of IN-Conversation.

2008 Showers Lectures –Symposium

“Christian
Missions in the
United Methodist
Church: Past,
Present and Future”

**Thursday
March 27, 2008
9:00 a.m. -
4:15 p.m.**

1. Past – Evangelical United Brethren heritage of missions: 9:00 – 9:55 a. m.

"Mission and the Quest for a Homeland: The Legacy of the Evangelical United Brethren"

Dr. J. Steven O'Malley '64, Asbury Theological Seminary with response by **Mr. Radcliffe Ganda**, UMYL Scholar, UIndy Class of 2010 from Sierra Leone

Coffee Break: 10:00 to 10:15 p.m.

2. Past – Methodist heritage of missions: 10:15 – 11:15 a. m.

"Evangelism Without Apology: E. Stanley Jones and the Totalitarian Kingdom of God"

Dr. Steven Graham, Professor of History & Political Science, University of Indianapolis with response by **Dr. Michael G. Cartwright**, Dean of Ecumenical and Interfaith Programs

3. 11:30 a. m. to 12:45 p.m. Missions Fair and Buffet Lunch

4. Present & Future of UM Missions: 1:00 – 1:55 p. m.

"Affection Without Attachment: A Theology of Mission for the 21st Century"
Dr. Thomas Thangaraj (Church of South India) Assoc. Professor of Christian Mission at Candler (Emory Univ.) with response by **Dr. Greg Clapper**, Professor of Philosophy & Religion, University of Indianapolis

Coffee Break: 2:00 to 2:15 p.m.

5. Present & Future of UM Missions: 2:15 – 3:00 p. m.

"Not Bootstraps Theology: Grace and Holiness Mission"

Dr. Beth Felker Jones, Assist Professor of Theology, Huntington University, with response by **Dr. Scott Kisker**, Logan Chair in of Evangelism and Wesley Studies at Wesley Theological Seminary

6. Closing Panel and Audience Questions: 3:15 to 4:15 p. m.

Panel discussion with the four principal speakers and opportunities for the guest presenters to respond to one another.

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