



# United Methodist Connections

A newsletter for United Methodists at the University of Indianapolis



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## Important Dates

February 17 @ 9 p.m.  
Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Service

April 1 @ 8 a.m.  
Way of the Cross

April 6 @ 4 and 7 p.m.  
Showers Lectures  
Dr. David Burrell

April 8 @ 4 p.m.  
Interfaith Peace Service

Visit  
[http://ministries.uindy.edu/Spring2010\\_calendar.pdf](http://ministries.uindy.edu/Spring2010_calendar.pdf) for a calendar of campus ministry events

*Through this e-newsletter, the Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Programs at UIndy highlights the activities and achievements of faculty, staff and students affiliated with the United Methodist Church. This e-newsletter is published three times a year in 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).*

## Religious Life Review Continues Into Second Semester

During the Religious Life Review meetings of the first semester, it became clear that additional meetings would be required in order to discuss topics that came up during the first Semester. On January 20 the conversation was re-started with the Ecumenical & Interfaith Council Meeting followed by sessions on February 3 (“Revisiting UIndy’s Multilateral Approach to Campus Ministry: Does it Stretch? Or Will it Break?”); February 17 (“Catholic Students Religious Life Activities, Needs and Concerns”); March 3 (“Sessions on the needs and religious life interests of non-traditional students”). For summaries of Semester I Religious Life Review meetings visit:

[http://eip.uindy.edu/publications/religious\\_life\\_review/](http://eip.uindy.edu/publications/religious_life_review/)

## Showers Lectures to Explore Christian-Muslim Relations



Dr. **David Burrell**, Hesburgh Professor Emeritus in philosophy and theology at University of Notre Dame, will be this year’s Showers lecturer on April 6, 2010. Fr. Burrell is a longtime participant in interreligious dialogue between Christians, Muslims, and Jews. In this set of presentations, he will offer his perspectives on what has already been gained from past engagements of Christians and Muslims around theological issues, and he will identify some of the most promising directions for future Christian-Muslim engagements.

4:00 p.m. “What I Have Learned from Muslims Classical and Contemporary.”

7:00 p.m. “Persistent Problems in Christian-Jewish-Muslim Dialogue.”

Schwitzer Student Center, McCleary Chapel

## Network for Vocation for Undergraduate Education

UIndy has joined, as a founding member, the Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVUE), a nation-wide campus-supported network designed to expand and extend the intellectual and theological exploration of vocation on campuses. NetVUE is a new initiative of the Council of Independent College, a national association of more than 600 independent, liberal-arts colleges and university.

Through national and regional conferences, the development and exchange of resources, and participation in online networking, NetVUE will help institutions deepen vocational exploration by their students. The goals of the network are to share knowledge, best practices, and reflection on experiences among campuses.

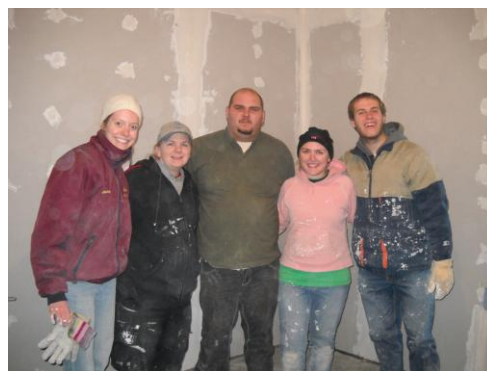
NetVue is generously supported by the Lilly Endowment Inc., which has funded similar programs over the years. For details on NetVUE visit:  
[http://www.cic.edu/netvue/netvue\\_website/index.html](http://www.cic.edu/netvue/netvue_website/index.html)

## Appalachia Service Project Experience 2010

Visit <http://www.asphome.org/> for information additional information about ASP

For the 27<sup>th</sup> year running, members of the University of Indianapolis community traveled to the heart of Appalachia to spend a week in housing repair ministry with the *Appalachia Service Project* (ASP) organization, based in Johnson City, Tennessee. Fourteen students and two UIndy fac/staff went to the year-round ASP center in Jonesville, Virginia, January. The weather made it a particularly challenging experience this year, but the group was divided into three work teams to assist three families in keeping with the goal of making homes “warmer, safer, and dryer.” One team worked on the construction of a wheelchair ramp, another repaired the foundation, girder and joists for a home, and the third group winterized a room in a house where the family was living in only one room that held a wood stove.

Evening sessions included times for sharing about the meaning of service for Christian disciples and how such commitments become part of our patterns as adults, in our families, and in our local churches. UMC students this year were: **Julie Bates** (First UMC, Mt. Vernon); **Mackenzie Cain** (First UMC, Seymour); **Benton Cartledge** (The Journey UMC, Indpls.); **Caitlin Mannan** (First UMC, Warsaw); **Matt Robinette** (Mt. Auburn UMC, Greenwood); **Michelle Stephens** (Speedway UMC, Speedway); **Aubree Tuell** (Sandy Hook UMC, Columbus); and **Mark Wolfe** (Acton UMC, Indpls.). UMC Chaplain **L. Lang Brownlee** and **Kim Dulaney**, UIndy Director of Procurement Services, led the group. If you would like to contribute to the UIndy ASP Fund to enable this important service experience to continue, please send your gift (checks made out to the University of Indianapolis) to: Ecumenical & Interfaith Programs, University of Indianapolis, 1400 E. Hanna Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46227.



## Service Pilgrimage to Sierra Leone Planned for Spring Term

Visit <http://www.gbgm-umc.org/operationclassroom/> for additional information on Operation Classroom

Rev. **L. Lang Brownlee**, Chaplain, along with Dr. **Mary Ritke**, Associate Professor of Biology, will be co-leading a group of eight students, **Richard Bahney**, **Amanda Carter**, **Allison Casteel**, **Ashtin Hoverman**, **Robin Scott**, **Lindsey Sewell**, **Sarah Tuntland** and **Mark Wolfe**, on a service pilgrimage to Sierra Leone through the United Methodist Church's Operation Classroom during spring term. The group will raise funds to help rebuild “the Indiana Building” for vocational training in Koidu, construct a building to be used as a science lab in Fakunya, and complete a duplex in Boama. If you are interested in helping to support this service pilgrimage, please contact Lang Brownlee at [lbrownlee@uindy.edu](mailto:lbrownlee@uindy.edu) or 317-788-3382.

## Meet some of UIndy's United Methodist personalities!

List of UIndy faculty and staff associated with the United Methodist Church visit:

<http://eip.uindy.edu/umconnections.php>



Dr. **Linda S. Rodebaugh** teaches in the BSN Program with a focus in the areas of pediatric nursing, nutrition, pathophysiology, and end-of-life care. She began employment at UIndy in 1978 as an adjunct clinical faculty member and has been a full-time faculty member since 1989.

“My family has long been associated with UIndy in many ways. I grew up in the Rosedale Hills neighborhood not far from campus. My Dad, Lloyd Reddix '04, received his degree in graphic design. My husband, David Rodebaugh '75; his

siblings; his mother, Geraldine Rodebaugh; and her father, Rev. Gilliatt, are all alums. So we claim several generations there!” says Linda.

When Linda was a child, her family attended Rosedale Hills UMC and Edgewood UMC and during her high school years they changed membership to University Heights UMC. Linda and David were married in UHUMC and have been active members for many years. They currently serve as refreshment stewards, and help count the offering on a quarterly basis.

Linda's hobbies include “digging in the dirt” (flower gardening!) in the summer and taking her two dachshunds on daily walks.

When asked her favorite hymn, Linda responds, “I have many favorite hymns! One of my very favorites is the ‘Hymn of Promise.’ I also like ‘There is a Balm in Gilead.’”



Ms. **Christie Beckmann** Director of Conference & Scheduling, has been a part of the UIndy community for over 15 years, originally as a freshman theatre major in 1993, an alumna, and then a staff member.

“I think the best part of my job is being able to mentor and work with students – both the ones whom I supervise and those who are planning events. I enjoy getting to know the students, and helping them to develop skills in event planning and management that will benefit them in their future careers,” says Christie.

Christie's office is some times the first contact that people have with the University, so she makes an extra effort to make everyone feel welcome and have a positive experience.

“I was raised in First United Methodist Church in Marion, Indiana, Christie says. “After I came to UIndy, I had the opportunity to work as the drama troupe leader at Epworth Forest United Methodist Senior High Institute for several summers, and I received a call to pursue a vocation in ministry. Though unsure of where that would take me, in 2004 I began working part-time on a masters of divinity degree at Christian Theological Seminary. I plan on graduating this May. I am currently a Certified Candidate for Ministry on the Deacon track through the United Methodist Church.”

Christie has three wonderful boys including her husband, Kenneth; Vincent, age 15; and Marcus, age 8. They have all been very supportive as Christie juggles the roles of wife, mother, student, administrator, and minister.

“My favorite hymn is “Be Thou My Vision.” I like this hymn because it reminds me to look at life through God's eyes. I have always found that whenever the path in life seems to be most cloudy, we can be guided through it – and come out blinking in dazzling sunlight – if only we allow God to be our vision.”

## Meet a United Methodist Youth Scholarship Scholar

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

### **First Year**

*Ian Brastauskas  
Mackenzie Cain  
Gabriella Newton*

### **Sophomore**

*Christopher Hartley  
Kelly Jamison  
Samantha Searls  
Allison Spenner*

### **Junior**

*Leann Davan  
Aubree Tuell  
Amanda Tying*

### **Senior**

*Ryan Brock  
Benton Cartledge*



**Aubree Tuell** is a nursing student and junior at the University of Indianapolis. Her hometown is Columbus, Indiana, where she attended Columbus East High School. Sandy Hook United Methodist Church, in Columbus is Aubree's home church. She helps with VBS, confirmation classes, young adult ministries, church-wide functions, and holiday celebrations. Aubree has been on a Chrysalis Flight through her home church and has traveled with a mission trip to Mexico with her youth group through Mission Discovery.

Aubree is very active in her home church while at UIndy but also enjoys weekly worship on campus and church in the surrounding areas when she is not home on Sundays. In January she served on a UIndy mission team to the hills of Virginia as part of the Appalachia Service Project (ASP).

"I have a strong faith and desire to be in service with others," Aubree says. "I have been so blessed and I want to be able to give back in all I do. I not only want to be a wonderful nurse, I want to continually work at being a strong Christian, leader and mentor. My faith allows these dreams and all of my dreams to become reality."

"In my free time I love spending time with my friends, watching Colts football with my family and playing with my adorable niece, Caroline!"

## News and Notes

Rev. **Jeremiah Gibbs** will be making a trip to Minneapolis during the first week of March for the Society of Pentecostal Studies meeting. He will be presenting his paper entitled "Spirit Baptism and the Ordo Diaconia: An Ecumenical Apologia for the Pentecostal Doctrine of 'Subsequence.'" His paper attempts to describe how a key doctrine of Pentecostalism, "Spirit Baptism," relates to similar theologies of other branches of Christianity.

Rev. Gibbs is currently serving as Interim University Co-Chaplain and Director of the Lantz Center for Christian Vocation and Formation at UIndy as he completes his PhD at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. He has published articles on Pentecostalism before, but this is his first contribution to the scholarship of Society for Pentecostal Studies. Though Rev. Gibbs studied for masters and doctoral degrees at a United Methodist Seminary and is serving a UM church-related college, he is credentialed with the Assemblies of God, the largest Pentecostal denomination worldwide.

Dean **Michael G. Cartwright** (Ecumenical & Interfaith Programs) chaired the session and made one of the presentations at "Re-Reading Scripture with John Howard Yoder" at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in New Orleans. He also participated in a panel discussion of the "Holiness Manifesto" at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics in San Jose, California. Cartwright is the editor as one of the authors of a collection of essays and responses that has been published by the University of Indianapolis Press (2010). The title is "Exploring Christian Mission After Christendom: United Methodist Perspectives."