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Witness of Women

Three Rivers UMW Spring District Conference

-Trish Rankin, Three Rivers District President

Join us Saturday, April 5 at West Lafayette United Methodist Church, 120 W. Union Avenue, West Lafayette. Breakfast and registration is at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting starts at 9:15 a.m. JOY, Jesus Others You, clown ministry will provide our program. This will prove to be entertaining as well as thought provoking; helping us find the Joy of the Lord, no matter our circumstances. A workshop on Joy will be given by Carolyn Allar, our program resource officer. There will be a hymn sing and Tai Chi, too.

We will be collecting vegetable seeds for our mission project, Jackson Area Ministries, so please bring as many as you wish. Contact your Circle president if you wish to sign up to attend.



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Rummage/Bake Sale

Wednesday, April 2, 2014 ♦ 3:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 3, 2014 ♦ 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Your items are needed for the Rummage Sale. You may bring them into the fellowship hall on Sunday, March 23 and place them on the stage. Clean out your dressers, closets, basement and garage! **Volunteer workers needed.** Contact folks are Carolyn Allar—Rummage sale; Shirley Workman—Bake Sale; Trish Rankin—Boutique, if you can help. Bring in your delicious baked goods, too!



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Jason's Trip to Camphor Mission



Carolyn Allar out did herself again with lovely Irish themed decorations for our quarterly meeting held on March 5 in the Fellowship Hall at the church. After dining on a traditional Irish meal cooked by Chef David Allar and a brief general meeting, Jason Frazer shared with us about his recent experience in Liberia at Camphor Mission. What a blessing to be able to hear of Jason's time in Liberia. He showed pictures he had taken on the screen and shared a little about each photo.



Chef David's culinary skills on display

Jason's favorite witness to tell of his time there is of a little five-year-old girl and her mother that lived out in the bush with her family. The little girl's father was disabled and couldn't find work. The mother and her little girl came to talk to Cecilia, the principal of Camphor Mission School. Her mother told Cecilia how the little girl wanted to go to school so badly that they had sent her to live with their extended family in Monrovia (this would be free public education) only to find out when the child came home, that they had not been sending her to school, but rather out on the streets to sell charcoal. The little girl was crying and heartbroken as she shared this with her mother. The desperate mother told Cecilia all she wanted was an education for her daughter. Not food, not money, but an education for her daughter.



Jason sharing with the everyone about his experiences at Camphor

"The little girl was jubilate and had the biggest smile on her face as she was skipping along on her way to school."

Cecelia saw the sincerity of the mother and the little girl and she told her she would make it happen. Whereupon Sampson, the business manager, took a twenty dollar bill and handed it to the little girl's mother and told her to go buy an uniform and back pack for her daughter so she could start attending school the next day! Jason said, "The little girl was jubilate and had the biggest smile on her face as she was skipping along on her way to school."

Jason says this is why it is important we support Camphor Mission—which is always in the red (negative funds). They do not turn away anyone that is desperate for an education. Should you want to help make a difference you can help this mission outreach by giving to the scholarship fund for Camphor Mission. Just make your check out to Gay St. UMC and in the memo section you may mark "Camphor Scholarship" and we will send it to the Advance Special #15125B. You may just be helping this little girl's dream continue to come true!



Jason & Camphor

Seed collections Underway for JAM's Spring Green Thumb Garden Project

Since the early 1970's, Jackson Area Ministries in Jackson, Ohio has sponsored a significant garden project, providing seeds and plants for families or individuals in the Appalachian counties of south-east Ohio. The mission of the program is to offer seed potatoes, tomato plants, and vegetable seeds to each participant with the intent that they can "grow their own garden." Congregations, Sunday school classes, United Methodist Women units, youth groups and individuals have all made this program successful.

Types of Seeds Needed:

Beets

Broccoli

Cauliflower

Corn

Cucumbers

Cabbage

Carrots

Peppers

Radishes

Spinach/Greens

Squash/Pumpkins

Turnips

CORN & BUSH BEANS IN BULK



This program helps persons who have lost jobs, senior citizens, families on low income and families on fixed incomes.

Collection boxes will be located at entrances to our worship areas. Monetary donations can also be given. You may make your check out to Gay Street UMC and in the memo section write "JAM," or mark your envelope as such if you are giving cash. We will need to have all seeds **collected by April 15.**



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Next WOW deadline: April 11, 2014

Dates for your 2014 Calendar

Tuesday, March 11: Executive Committee meets with church staff—tentative

Wednesday, March 12: 9:30 a.m. Dorcas at Martha Stuller's home, program Carol Gore

12 Noon Sarah at the church Ruth Hubbell hostess, program Norma Siekkinen

1:30 p.m. Glora Wysner at Maurine Scott's home, program Marjorie Winkle

Monday, March 31: Set-up for rummage sale - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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