Letter from the President

Dear Alumn/ae and friends,

Warm New Year’s greetings in the name and Spirit of Jesus Christ! Blessed to begin a new year, at United we are once again thinking theologically and practically about the ministry of renewal. This requires us to grapple, practically speaking, with the great, good news that Jesus Christ makes all things new!

The renewal that springs forth whenever and wherever the Holy Spirit leads is not limited or circumscribed by human categories of time and place. Thus, we should look for renewal to take place in the city and in the country, in the suburbs, the forest and the desert, in individuals and communities and even in whole nations, wherever God is leading people to pray and work for renewal.

In the pages that follow, we are pleased to share just a few ways the United community, especially our alumni/ae, are involved in a wide variety of renewal initiatives that impact many persons and regions with the transformational gospel of Jesus Christ.

Thank you, as always, for your faithful service in the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ and for your prayerful support for United’s continuing ministry of theological education. We are grateful for and proud of you! Gratefully yours in the service of Christ,

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NEWS AND NOTES

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UPDATES

Class of 1953
Rev. Robert “Bing” Crosby, Seattle, WA, received a Distinguished Alumnus Award from Boston University last fall, where he earned his STM degree in 1954. At the ceremony, Crosby honored a great mentor at Boston University School of Theology, Howard Thurman, and sang a spiritual that Thurman featured in his book, The Negro Spiritual Speaks of Life and Death. The Institute Crosby founded in 1969 is now a college, LIOS Graduate College of Saybrook University in Seattle.

Class of 1972
Rev. Larry D. Leister, Lititz, PA, retired effective July 1, 2013. He can be contacted via Facebook or at ldlleister@hotmail.com.

Class of 1975
Rev. Ed Wilder, Austin, TX, a retired United Methodist Elder, has returned to Austin to be close to family. He served as a volunteer at the Posty Center for Supervision and Leadership Formation for the last six years. In addition, he was a Formation and Integration Group facilitator, church coach for the Miami Valley District and a mentor for students on the ordination track.

Class of 1977
Rev. Kathryn Moody-Arnold, Cleveland, OH, and her husband Ken retired from pastoral ministry in June. They’re enjoying the freedom to choose when they live and worship and are living in Cleveland, where Kathryn served in the 1990s. They are loving the diversity and range of activities. In March, they will travel with their son, Josh, to Istanbul, Turkey, and parts of Europe.

Class of 1978
Rev. Ralph Watkins, Silver Spring, MD, retired from the federal courts in December 2012. He has become more active in the League of Women Voters (LWV), being elected to the Board of Directors for the Maryland LWV at the Montgomery County (Maryland) LWV. He enjoys singing in the choir at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Silver Spring, MD. He also volunteers at the National Building Museum in Washington and at the C&O Canal National Historic Park in Great Falls, MD.

Class of 1982
Rev. Dr. Tim Bias, Cincinnati, OH, was elected as General Secretary for The General Board of Discipleship of The UMAC.

Class of 1991
Rev. Stephen Johnson, Anderson, CA, is now teaching and mentoring village pastors in North Bengal, India, after spending seven years in Kazakhstan and Far East Russia.

Class of 1992
Rev. Dr. R. Mark Beeson, Granger, IN, was named the 2013 Distinguished Evangelist of the United Methodist Church by the Foundation for Evangelism. He is the senior pastor of Granger Community Church.

Class of 1999
Rev. Daniel Young, Mansfield, OH, retired on Jan. 27, 2013, having served Grace United Church of Christ of Loyal Oak, Norton, OH, for 11 years. He built a retirement home with his domestic partner, David Kunkelman, after 18 years. Rev. Young maintains ordination standing with the Southwest Ohio/Northern Kentucky Association of the United Church of Christ.

Class of 2003 (Honorary)
Dr. Carolyn Bohler, Dayton, OH, recently retired after 39 years of United Methodist ministry. Rev. Jeff Vermilya, Kennesaw, GA, was ordained an Anglican priest and is now serving as rector of Epiphany Anglican Church north of Atlanta. Jeff is married to the former Paula Stark (bookstore employee), and they have one daughter, Annie, and a son in law, Jonathan.

Class of 2009
Chaplain Anthony Herring, Cleveland, OH, is serving as Resident Chaplain of the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center of West Virginia. He is a member of the ACPE Residency program, and he joins two other United alumni already on staff.

Class of 2012
Rev. Dr. Twonda J. Bowens, Indianapolis, IN, was appointed an Elder for the National Convocation of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ.

Passages
Our prayers are with the families of:

Rev. Robert Fulton, ‘61, who died on January 11, 2013. Condolences may be sent to his wife, Patricia Fulton, at 129 Windgate Drive, Wexford, PA, 15090.

Rev. J. Edward Cherryholmes, ‘58, who died on January 13, 2013. Condolences may be sent to his wife, Patricia Cherryholmes, at 9009 Compton St., Denton, TX, 76207.

Rev. Robert Myers Eschbach, ‘58, who died on January 22, 2013. Condolences may be sent to his wife, Patricia, at 4705 Wren Court, Lebanon, OH, 45036.


Mrs. Pamela Ann Fowler Hill, who died on June 1, 2013. She was the spouse of Rev. Ronald Hill ‘93. Condolences may be sent to Rev. Dr. Hill at 196 Cedarwood Drive, Chillicothe, OH, 45601.

Rev. Jack L. Rider, ‘68, who died on August 24, 2013. Condolences may be sent to his wife, Evelyn, at 301 Parkview Road, Manchester, PA, 17345.

Rev. Harold Leon Morrical, ‘61, who died on September 4, 2013. Condolences can be sent to his wife, Virginia Morrical, 305 W. Kirkwood Dr., Franklin, IA, 50631.

Rev. C. Eugene Price, who died on October 16, 2013. Condolences may be sent to his wife, Phyllis Price, 9135 Valley Acre Drive, Fort Wayne, IN, 46816.

Rev. Carl V. Vorpe, ’54, who died on October 20, 2013. Condolences may be sent to his wife, Barbara Vorpe, 3851 Towne Blvd, Apt 214, Franklin, OH, 45005.

Staff News
The following people have recently joined United’s staff:

Rev. Jerry Heck as Director of the Harriet L. Miller Women’s Center; Henry Folgoso as the new Bi-Lingual Hispanic Instructional Technologist for the Hispanic Christian Academy; Tara Johnson as Special Assistant to the President; Steven Swallow as Budget Director; Kathleen Boston as Admissions Associate; Laura Discher as Coordinator for Course of Study; Mallie Richardson as Graphic Designer; and Dillon Marlett as Associate Software Developer.

The following people have been promoted:
Monique Tremaine as Associate Director of Admissions; Karen Seltzer as Program Manager, Student Recruitment and Doctoral Studies; and Bridget Weatherspoon as Coordinator of Student Recruitment and Admissions.

Faculty News
Dr. Lisa Hess, Associate Professor of Practical Theology, in her capacity as Moderator of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley (OH), has offered her leadership and expertise in interreligious learning for the Interfaith Consultation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) held at Stony Point Conference Center in New York. She also served on the Wabash leadership team for the Mid-Career Theological Faculty Colloquium, hosted and funded by the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning Theology and Religion. She also represented United as an ecumenical delegate for the Inauguration and Installation of Craig Barnes as the seventh President of Princeton Theological Seminary on Oct. 23, 2013, at Princeton University Chapel.

President Wendy Deichmann has been elected to serve a two-year term on the board of the National Association of School Colleges of The United Methodist Church (NASCUMC). This organization represents the 119 institutions listed by the University Senate as United Methodist-related Student Recruitment and Admissions.

Dr. A.M. ‘Def’ Gordon Jr., ’56, who died on April 23, 2013. Condolences may be sent to his wife, Minerva Gordon, at 107 S. Market St., Martinsburg, PA, 16662.

NEWS AND NOTES
The uproar by some Americans protesting the burial of Boston Marathon bombing suspect, Tamerlan Tsarnaev, seemed to Ms. Martha Dalby Mullen the most bigoted kind of discrimination; to malign and hate someone even after they are dead. Witnessing these protests at the funeral home in Worcester, MA, left Ms. Mullen angry and ashamed; she had to do something. She gathered an interfaith coalition, all of whom valued the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth, and worked with Tsarnaev’s uncle, LaBoy and Rev. Rosario Picardo.

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Academic Dean Dr. David Watson (left) presents the 2013 Effective Ministry Award to Chaplain Bernard H. Lieving Jr. ’63


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Renewal in the City: The United DaytonView Community

Just over one year ago, Dayton's First United Methodist Church (UMC) and the West Ohio Conference of The UMC gifted to United Theological Seminary the old church building at 1516 Salem Avenue that was built for a congregation of 1500 members. Having dwindled to ten to twenty worshippers each week, the small congregation has no need for the enormous building and its associated properties while United's rapid growth has left it in need of more room.

The congregation offered the properties to the seminary in order to keep the buildings “in the family” of The UMC, continuing to serve in a broad sense the church’s mission. Moreover, a historic tie exists between First UMC and the seminary. Members of the predecessor United Brethren in Christ congregation, including Bishop Milton Wright (father of Orville, Wilbur and Katharine Wright), instigated the founding of the seminary’s first seminary in 1871 when both the church and the denomination’s headquarters were located in downtown Dayton.

“It is a wonderful, fitting outcome for all concerned,” said President Wendy Deichmann. “The congregation and the West Ohio Conference have been released from the burden of caring for all this real estate, while the seminary has received much needed room to grow.”

This development also means that United has returned to the DaytonView community from which it relocated to neighboring Trotwood eight years ago. It represents, officially, a return to the city of Dayton while also remaining in Trotwood.

Following careful research and evaluation by United’s executive staff and board of trustees, the seminary officially accepted the gift of property with its assets and liabilities in November of 2012. In subsequent months the seminary has been completing the legal and financial processes required to transfer to its ownership the church building, four residences, an old medical office building and a daycare center.

The working mission of United’s DaytonView Community, according to President Deichmann, is “to develop a living, learning, serving community and expand United’s urban ministry center for renewal in Dayton, Ohio.”

A team of staff and faculty members is fine-tuning specific recommendations for these properties. These include: planning for residential student housing for dozens of students, relocation of United’s urban ministry center and other program offices to this site and a refurbished gathering space for large events. The vision includes creation of an intentional, residential student community, members of which will be engaged in urban ministry in partnership with churches and ministry agencies located in Dayton.

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She also hopes the work in the DaytonView Community will attract others to the program. “The people in the community who may not have degrees, who may not go to church, who may not have any of that, may just be inspired because we don’t look like something threatening and intimidating . . . . [Instead this will be a place] where they can engage in ministries where they have a passion,” she said.

Mr. Max Fuller is working closely with the president as DaytonView Project Assistant. “United’s DaytonView community has the potential for becoming a foundation for rekindling community vitality,” he said. Dr. Felicia LaBoy, Director of United’s Center for Urban Ministry, believes its relocation from the main campus to this site will enhance United’s opportunities for participation in the renewal of the Dayton community. It will make possible the creation of a Shalom Zone for providing a wide range of opportunities for community residents.

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Fuller added that the planned $3 million investment has been welcomed by the city of Dayton, the Salem Avenue Business Association, the Salem Avenue Peace Corridor Committee and many other organizations. Currently, a capital campaign is under way to fund the major construction necessary to make this renewal a reality, and Fuller said he is looking forward to major changes in 2014.

“But we are not standing still,” he said. “While awaiting the major construction kickoff, we are renting spaces to students, to staff, to six churches, to a school and to a daycare center. In this way, we are able to financially maintain property management operations, as we continue a significant ministry of renewal in the DaytonView Community.”
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For more information, please visit http://www.greaterleipsicsparishumc.org/

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Ohio Rural Churches Share Resources

The Greater Leipsic Multi-Site Parish in rural Leipsic, Ohio, could be considered the future of the rural church — four smaller United Methodist churches anchored by a larger one.

The multi-site parish includes Leipsic UMC, Gilboa UMC, Oakdale UMC, New Beginnings UMC and New Hope Bethel UMC, with four pastors serving the five churches. Senior Pastor Bill Patterson ’75, along with three associate pastors, Rev. Tom Graves, Rev. Amy Haines and Rev. Ruth Carter-Crist ’07, rotate worship on Sundays.

“Each pastor has a focus church where they are responsible for administration,” Rev. Patterson said, “and we rotate the preaching on Sunday mornings. Each pastor preaches in their focus church two Sundays and then rotates two Sundays at another church, but we also cover for each other at times when it would be difficult if you didn’t have this kind of setup.”

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Rev. Wilson Shearer ’54, Shares a United Memory

MY LASTING MEMORY (After 60 years it still makes me laugh.)
By Rev. Wilson Shearer ’54

On the second day of the Seminary Chorus’ Concert Tour in 1953, our bus left the site of our first stop in Charleston, WV, and we came upon Hawk’s Nest State Park, which has a scenic overlook above a deep river valley. The driver stopped so we could stretch our legs and see the view. When it was time to return to the bus I spied a second trail back to the parking lot and without speaking to anyone I began walking a circuitous route up the hill through the forest.

When I got back to the parking lot I was shocked to see just the back end of the bus disappearing down the road around a curve. They assumed everyone was on board so they left — without me! After 30 minutes of waiting, I decided that apparently the bus was not coming back because no one missed me.

Quite a few cars passed me by before a kind couple stopped to ask what I was doing there alone, and could they help. I hopped in and they took me to the next village, where I called the police. They heard my sad plight and didn’t hesitate when I asked them to call or radio ahead on Route 60 to have an officer stop the bus and tell them they were missing one chorus member. By this time, the bus was far down Route 60 in a town called “Rainelle.” With great chagrin, Walter Schutt, the faculty advisor and chorus manager, admitted to the police that Wilson Shearer was not on board.

I was told they couldn’t turn around, and would wait for me in Rainelle, but they had to be at Staunton, VA, in time for a special radio broadcast late that afternoon. If I couldn’t catch them I’d have to hitch hike all the way to Staunton, since there were no commercial buses going that direction.

I couldn’t catch them. When I finally arrived at the church, the chorus had just finished eating supper and was getting up from the tables. At my entrance there was a lot of yelling and clapping by the chorus and the church folk who had been told of the incident. I had a red face due to the exposure to chilly winds and the embarrassment of the situation. I was also very hungry.

During the rest of the tour, Harlan Snow, the director, introduced me as “The Hawk’s Nest Kid.” He continued to do this at all eight remaining concerts. Whenever we boarded the bus, chorus members shouted, “Where’s The Hawk’s Nest Kid? Don’t leave without Wilson!”

COMING EVENTS

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MARCH 24 - 28, 2014
Gathering Week

APRIL 8 - 9, 2014
Vision to Victory
Vision to Victory is an annual celebration honoring the life and ministry of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. around the time of his martyrdom.

MAY 8 - 9, 2014
Light The Fire! 2014- The Fullness of Christ
A Church for All People will equip clergy and laity to be faithful in ministry with people with disabilities. Featured speakers include Marva J. Dawn, William “Bill” Gaventa, Barbara J. Newman, Jeremy Schipper and Mike Slaughter. Light the Fire! 2014 will be at Ginghamsburg Church, 6759 S. County Road 25A, Tipp City, OH.

MAY 23, 2014
Commencement

OCTOBER, 14 - 15, 2014
2014 Alumni/ae Reunions, Awards Banquet and J. Arthur Heck Lectures

United Moving Forward with Residential Housing for Dayton Students

Committed to enhancing and growing opportunities for residential seminary students, United has acquired and outfitted three homes for student use on Salem Avenue in Dayton. These homes are part of the DaytonView properties gifted to United by First United UMC and the West Ohio Conference (see story on page 8).

United is offering reasonable rental rates for homes with spacious and serviceable dwelling features. Each property is within a 10-minute drive of the campus and directly accessible on the Dayton Regional Transit Authority bus line. These rentals will help students to keep housing costs very low while preparing for God’s calling in their lives.

DaytonView Facilities Manager Max Fuller has provided excellent supervision in refurbishing and furnishing the properties for use. The homes may be rented by student families or shared by students. For more information, please visit United’s website at www.united.edu.

United Moving Forward with Residential Housing for Dayton Students

1101 Salem Avenue [Two Apartments]
Faculty Publications

Dr. Jason Vickers
Associate Professor of Theology and Wesleyan Studies


Alumni/ae Publications

Rev. Shauna Hyde ’10
Rev. Shauna Hyde, Charleston, WV, published *50 Shades of Grace* by Energion Publications.

Rev. John Windell ’83
Rev. John Windell, Stendal, IN, published *40 Days of Lent: from Ashes to Hope* by Forward Movement.

Rev. Dr. Eric L. Leake ’04
Rev. Dr. Eric L. Leake, Flossmoor, IL, published *Praying on Purpose: Intentional Growth through Prayer* by Xulon Press.

Rev. Robert “Bing” Crosby ’53

Rev. Richard Gist ’69

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Advent Commencement 2013

Commencement speaker Heidi Baker (left) of Iris Global poses with President Deichmann and new United D.Min. graduate, Rolland Baker ’13, at the December 20, 2013, commencement service.

DaytonView Volunteers

Community volunteers have been working hard refurbishing houses that will become student residences in United’s DaytonView Community. (Read stories on pages 8 and 13.)

On January 5, 2014, United lost a friend and alumnus, Dr. J. Ritter Werner ’96, who died from complications due to chronic leukemia. Ritter was former chapel organist at United and lecturer in sacred music. The funeral service was held on January 13 at Christ Episcopal Church in Xenia. Ritter leaves behind his wife, Bonnie, three daughters, one son and five grandchildren. Condolences may be sent to Ritter’s wife, Bonnie Werner at 1203 Old Orchard Ave, Dayton, OH, 45405. Ritter blessed us, and we are thankful for his presence among us.
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