



## August 2018 Newsletter

### *Message from the Superintendent*

I am enjoying the time exploring the Great NW district. The churches I have been able to visit have shown radical hospitality and passionate worship. The individual time I have had with some of you, either through a visit or at the open house at the district office, has been fulfilling. As I have said before, there is some Kingdom building stuff happening in this district. It is exciting!

We are going to have some opportunities to continue to build on what God is doing through you all. On Saturday, September 8, the Conference is having an Action Plan Kickoff in five different areas of our state. The day will include a brief overview of the Bishop's vision and a deeper dive into each of the three priorities for the Conference (Building Leaders, New Places for New People and Pathway out of Poverty). These are priorities that many of you are already living out and others could start easily (even partnering with other churches). This day will be filled with practical "how-tos" for your local church to engage more deeply in just one or all three priorities. I want to encourage clergy and leaders to attend the events taking place at Lee's Summit or Kirksville.

Thank you to the churches that have already signed up for a cluster charge conference. I am excited about how these clusters are coming together. Since we seldom have the opportunity to worship together, this will give us a chance to come together under the praise of our God through Jesus Christ. I am looking forward to the time together! If you haven't signed up, please do so as some of the clusters are filling up fast.

Please also keep in mind the deadline for signed paperwork to be in the district office, September 24th. There are 111 churches with Charge Conference paperwork to process in the office. Megan and Morgan are good, but let's help them keep it all rolling by respecting the deadline. Thank you in advance.

I know what you do each and every day is making a difference. I am praying for you and the work you do. You bless.

*Melissa*



### **Have you updated your address book?**

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**Installation service for Rev. Melissa Dodd, Northwest District Superintendent will be**

**Sunday, October 14  
2:30 PM  
Cameron UMC**

**All are invited.**



### **Office Hours Update**

Mon, Wed, Thur, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM,  
Tues 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Closed Fridays

# Upcoming Events & Workshops

## 2018 Charge Conference Information

Charge Conference season is quickly approaching and the theme for this year's learning time will be based on the Annual Conference theme, "Freed to Lead."

**Forms:** Are available on our website <http://missouri-northwest.brtstsite.com/post/charge-conference-information-11589326> .

**Deadline for completed & signed forms will be September 24!!**

### Locations:

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|---------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Ashland UMC   | Thursday, October 18 | 6:00 – 8:00 PM |
| Maryville UMC | Sunday, October 21   | 6:00 – 8:00 PM |
| Northstar UMC | Sunday, October 28   | 6:00 – 8:00 PM |
| Bethany UMC   | Sunday, November 4   | 2:00 – 4:00 PM |
| Hamilton UMC  | Sunday, November 4   | 6:00 – 8:00 PM |

**Day of Schedule:**  
Worship  
Break  
Business & Learning

**Schedule:** To SIGN UP for the location of your choosing, [CLICK HERE](#) .

**NEW:** Childcare will be available at all locations upon request. More information to come.

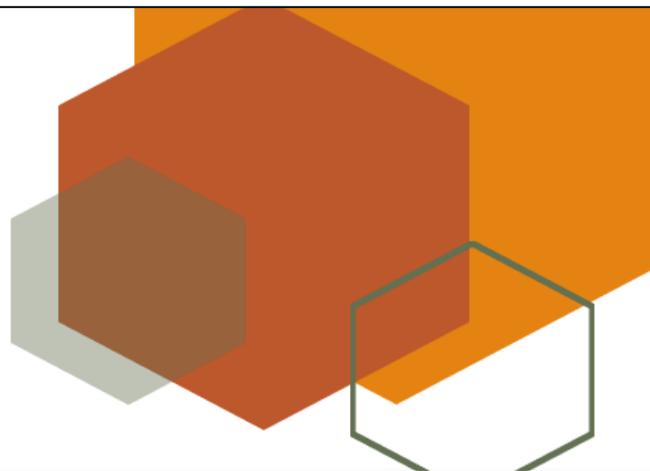
## Northwest District Lay Servant Workshop

### Location: Smithville UMC

505 NW Highway 169, Smithville, MO 64089

Saturday, November 10, 2018

8:30 AM – 5:00 PM



Leading, Caring, Communicating: Lay Servant Ministries offer opportunities for laity who desire to use their witness, leadership, and service to inspire others to a deeper commitment to Christ and more effective discipleship.

**Basic Course:** Looking for leadership training? This course is foundational for all courses in lay servant ministries. Participants are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended and to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a group that holds members accountable in their discipleship.

### Advance Courses:

~**Lay Servants Lead in Conflict Resolution** -This course help lay servants to be equipped and empowered to help lead through those times of conflict as a time of transformation.

~**United Methodist Polity** – This course gives participants an overview of the structure and organization of the United Methodist Church.

For more information and registration flyer, please [click here](#). Registration closes October 29.

You may register online at <http://missouri-reg.brtaapp.com/LayServantReg>

# Upcoming Events Continued

Festival of Sharing is in its 38th year of making a difference in the lives of persons in need in Missouri and around the world. Through last year, donations gathered by local churches were brought to the state fairgrounds in Sedalia in October, sorted, and distributed from that central location.

Beginning this year, that single gathering will no longer take place. Instead, 7 smaller events are taking place around the state. [Click here](#) to watch a short video with everything you need to know about Sharefest. Cameron UMC will be the NW District drop-off point from Oct 8 – 12 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM for donations from your church. All leading up to

## Sharefest

at Cameron UMC on Saturday, October 13.

*Day of information:*

- Sharefest supplies will be serving at least 5 agencies from NW Missouri
- Packing projects for youth and adults: rice, paper products, and student dental kits
  - Hear how InterServe in St. Joe impacts your community
    - Lunch provided
    - Help load agency vehicles after lunch

You can also find information on the Festival website, [www.festivalofsharing.org](http://www.festivalofsharing.org).

### Quilt Auction

**When:** October 27. Previewing begins at 9:00 am, free will donation lunch at 11:00am, and auction at 12:30pm.

**Where:** Knights of Columbus Hall in Columbia, MO (2525 North Stadium Blvd)

**How:** Just show up, no tickets required for admission.

Did you know?? This year we are accepting garden seeds and eyeglasses! Please bring your old glasses and unused packages of garden seeds during drop-off times or day of.

# District Celebrations



## Community Block Party!

Albany UMC hosted a community block party full of food, fellowship and fun.



**Congratulations** to our latest class of Lay Servants and our two Certified Lay Speakers. We are excited to see how God works through you.



**Serving as our Lord's hands and feet, the members at Amazonia Methodist understand the joy of giving.**

Amazonia United Methodist Church may be a small congregation, but they understand how important it is to reach out to the community. The most recent project is two large blessing boxes, constructed by members Tim Williams and Doug Brown using materials donated by members Don and Michelle Howard. The project began after Tim and Doug erected posts for the church's seasonal and special-event banners just south of the church parking lot. They decided to leave room at each end of the cross beam. Then, over the next several weeks, the two met once a week to construct, paint, and mount the boxes. Pastor Ken Rosenauer posted news of the boxes on the Amazonia Community Facebook page, and two days later local residents — not members of the congregation — had already filled most of one of the boxes with non-perishable food and household supplies.

The congregation also stuffs back-to-school bags for every one of the 92 students at the nearby elementary school, provides ice cream sandwiches for all students and staff on the first day of school, gives stocking caps and gloves to all students at Christmas, adopts three or more families at Christmas, and provides a complete dinner with dessert for the school's Valentine's Day Dance for students and their parents.

*Amazonia Elementary School — part of the Savannah R-3 School District — has a 90 percent free and reduced lunch population. The town population is 382.*



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