

## UNITED METHODIST COMMUNITY MINISTRIES 2016 GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS IN PLACE

In addition to the changes that UCMC has been working through since Beth began her mission work in Africa and the Assistants to the District Superintendents of Capitol Area North & South took on the responsibility for UCMC, there are also some changes in our Grants Forms and the deadline for grants to be submitted.

### NEW GRANT APPLICATIONS AND DEADLINES

The new grant forms for funding in 2016 will be **available by August 1, 2015** and the **deadline for submission will be October 1, 2015**. The forms requesting grant monies have been simplified somewhat to make it a little easier to complete them. **On October 28, 2015 the Local Outreach Committee will review the applications and make determinations on which grants and the amounts will be recommended for funding. Notice will be sent after that meeting.**

### DISTRICT MISSION CENTERS

UMCM has 5 District Mission Centers across the 2 Districts. They are:

Water's Edge in Buckeye Lake

The Shalom Zone on the west side of Columbus

Church For All People on Parsons Ave

New Life UMC

Broad Street UMC

Each of these ministry sites receives \$10,000 per year from UCMC.

### LOCAL OUTREACH MISSION DOLLARS

There is \$80,000 available for grants across the two districts. Some examples of missions that have been supported in the past are: Food Pantries, Personal Needs Pantries, Meals, Children's Ministries, Leadership Development, etc. Be creative and let us know how we can help.

### MICRO GRANTS AVAILABLE

For the first time ever UCMC is making \$20,000 available in amounts of \$500 each for churches as "Micro Grants". These will have a one-page application that is simple to fill out and can be for projects that churches are wanting begin or boost as start-up ministries. These are one time only grants. These applications will also be available on August 1, 2015.

### BISHOP'S CHALLENGE

While at Annual Conference at Lakeside, we heard Bishop Palmer lay out a plan to encourage all 8 of the Districts here in West Ohio to begin at least five new bold, innovative mission/ministry programs or sites. We at UCMC encourage our churches to be creative, we believe that the local church is the best place for these initiatives to spring up. If you have ideas for new missions or outreach ministries and would like to have UCMC come alongside of you moving forward, let us know.

Thanks for all you do for Christ and the Church.

Roger L. Grace