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Check the status of each church's giving toward OCWM. *Gifts received through 1/15 can count toward 2009 pledges.*

[Yearbook Report Forms](#)

MMS provides this online resource to help fill out these forms. Due Feb. 19.

CYE: Conference Youth Event

The "Early Bird" reservation deadline has come and gone, but a limited number of spaces are still available for CYE 2010. This event provides a great opportunity to energize high school aged youth in your church and bust those winter blues!

OUTSIDE THE ZONE

Think...

Everyone has a comfort zone. And we all like to stay in our own comfort zones. But sometimes God calls us to do something outside that zone. This year at CYE, we'll explore what might happen if we step outside our own comfort zone and follow God – follow to where God is calling us to be. We'll ask the question... What does it really mean to be a follower of Christ and say "Here I am, send me!"?

Congregational Vitality Initiative

*I can see clearly now, the rain is gone,
I can see all obstacles in my way
Gone are the dark clouds that had me blind
It's gonna be a bright, bright Sun-Shiny day.
~ Johnny Nash*

We as Christians call Jesus Christ the light of the world. In this week of Epiphany, what is being revealed in your context by the light of Christ? Are you turning away, maybe squinting, hiding behind sunglasses? Or do you hear the angels saying clearly, "Do not fear" as you open your eyes to see clearly where God is calling you to go? After you see, do you boldly go where others have not? New life is possible every day through Christ who strengthens us. Learn more at the [CVI web page](#).

Mission Moments

Camp Mo-Val is seeking **Summer Employees**. Consider a SUMMER of SERVICE at Camp Mo-Val. If you are pursuing a career in education, recreation, ministry, social work, health care

provide valuable hands-on experience that, along with the “service” aspect, looks good on a resume. GAIN PRACTICAL SKILLS IN: Leadership, Team Work – Collaboration, Behavior Management, Facilitation, Problem Solving, Program Planning & Implementation. And don’t forget... you get to spend your summer outdoors, working with children and youth and enjoying life! For more information, contact Shirley Asmussen at moval2@mmsucc.org.

St. Pauls UCC in Freeburg, IL, is **looking for a choir director**. Contact their [church office](#) for details at (618) 539-3696.

The RODD Kingdom Ministries International Church (Responsible Obedient Disciplined Disciples) is looking to **rent space for services** Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings and alternating Sunday evenings. The location can vary. If your church can offer space, please contact Pastor Carl E. Jackson at 314-910-2523.

Retreat Space Available

Space is still available for guest groups this winter and spring at Camp Mo-Val. Consider a confirmation retreat, women’s weekend or church council planning event. Actually, any type of event that is best held at a peaceful place away from the busyness of everyday life (and constant bombardment from cell phones, e-mail and Facebook) is a good candidate for a weekend at camp. Let us do the cooking, while you focus on faith and group building.

Camp Mo-Val is closed in January, but reopens the first weekend in February.

Contact: moval@mmsucc.org, (636) 583-2730 or (877) 344-2267 toll free

Staff Preaching

Jan. 10 Jeff Whitman preaching at St. Johns on Grand-St. Louis

Jan. 10 Jack Seville preaching at Holy Trinity, Memphis

Jan. 17 Jeff Whitman at Evangelical, Webster Groves

Jan. 17 Jack Seville at Grace and Mount Tabor

Jan. 24 Jeff Whitman preaching at St. Lukes

Jan. 31 Jeff Whitman at Country Club Cong, Kansas City

Jan. 31 Jack Seville preaching at Christ Church, Maplewood

Community & Agencies Calendar

Calendar also available on [MMS website](#).

Jan. 11 Tai Chi Class begins at Calvary UCC

Jan. 13 St. Louis Ministerium at Parkway

Jan. 18 Conference office closed – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Jan. 22 Concert at St. Peter's UCC, Kansas City

Jan. 22 & 24 Amahl & the Night Visitors at First Cong, Clayton

Feb. 2 Intentional Interim Meeting

Feb. 5 Eden Alumni Banquet

Feb. 10 St. Louis Ministerium Meeting

Feb. 13-15 CYE – Conference Youth Event

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