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LOCATION: Chautauqua Hall

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LEADER: Carissa Grosh, Director of Family Ministry, Stonybrook United Methodist Church, Gahanna

LOCATION: Room 205

Lakeside United Methodist Church

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LEADER: Rev. Clark Hess, Lead Pastor, First United Methodist Church, Milford

LOCATION: Sanctuary

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Discover how to share the Imagine No Malaria story with your local congregation. Learn about planning your campaign and the many resources available to support your efforts including children’s sermons, Vacation Bible School supplements, Advent materials, special event planning and more. You’ll also have the opportunity to share what you’re doing in your ministry setting for Imagine No Malaria.

LEADERS: Dave Boling, Associate Director, Council on Development and Conference; Imagine No Malaria Coordinator, Lay Leader, Powell United Methodist Church; and Rev. Karen Brantley, Associate Director, Ginghamsburg United Methodist Church, Tipp City

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LEADER: Rev. Heather Moyers, Virgin Pulse Program Chair and President, Grace Fitness and Wellness, LLC

LOCATION: Lower Pavilion

Making a Difference in Your Small Church Setting

Are you tired of hearing about programs that seem to focus only on large churches? Get some pointers from someone who has been there and knows the challenges of serving a small church struggling to survive such things as loss of industry, a shrinking community and a loss of local schools. Help comes from God’s people engaged in a process that develops the unique strengths of your church. If you want to make a big difference in your small town, this workshop is for you.

LEADER: Rev. Walt Goble, Pastor, Albany and McArthur United Methodist Churches

LOCATION: Fern Room, Hotel Lakeside

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