



New this week: CAN/CAS Leadership Training Day Workshops Announced – registration is open! “Fresh Expressions” training on new ways of doing church offered on January 26; Teen Mental Health Panel event; ERT trainings scheduled; Wesley Glen/Eldercare offers learning opportunities; Youth and Parent Mentor positions available; Camp Hope offered this summer for those facing grief over the loss of a loved one; Alive NOW devotional magazines available; positions available at the Westside Free Store; IRS Mileage rate \$0.535; Breakthrough Goal Data Entry deadline January 31

News, Trainings and Events



CAN/CAS Leadership Training Day Feb 4

Clergy and lay leadership are invited to the annual CAN and CAS Leadership Training Day on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at Grove City UMC.

Each year we have 350 – 400 people participate so you won't want to miss it!
Please share this information with your congregation.

Saturday, February 4, 2017

at Grove City United Methodist Church

2650 Columbus St., Grove City, Ohio 43123

Schedule:

Doors Open at 8:30 AM

Opening will be held in the Sanctuary at 9:00 AM

Session 1 Workshops start at 9:15 AM

Break at 10:45 am

Session 2 Workshops start at 11:00 AM

Session 2 ends at 12:30 pm

There is no cost to attend the workshops

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Workshops and Presenters:

Session 1 9:15 - 10:45 am

Asset Based Community Development - Rev. Karen Cook

Board of Trustees - Mr. Chris Hogan

Children's Ministries - Mrs. Carla Fox-Chiles
Church Lifecycles - Rev. Bill Lyle
Church Revitalization - Mr. Brad Aycock
Finance - Mr. Bill Brownson
Life Groups - Rev. John Wooden
Pension and Health Insurance – Mr. Mike Kremnitzer
Staff/Pastor-Parish Relations - Rev. Tim Bias and Rev. Linda Middelberg
Special Needs Ministry - Rev. Laurie Clark

Session 2 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Community Ministries - Rev. Gregory Kendrick, Rev. Matt Yoder, Dr. Katelin Hansen and Rev. Karen Cook
Discipleship Pathways - Rev. Tim Bias
Door to Core Strategies - Rev. Todd Richards and Ms. Brandy Merryman
Global Mission Partnerships – Rev. Dee Stickley-Miner
Leading Through Prayer – Rev. Curnell Graham and Rev. R. Scott Miller
Multi-Media - Rev. Ryan Grace
Prison Ministry - Ms. Reba Collins
Social Media in Ministry – Mr. Seth Evans
Stump the DS - Rev. Linda Middelberg

Fresh Expressions Training January 26

I wanted to make sure you were aware of the upcoming “Fresh Expressions” training on Thursday, January 26 at the conference center. Many of you heard about this new and fast-growing approach to reaching the unreached while we were at the retreat in Jacksonville. Cost is only \$25 and space is limited to 60 people. Today, Christians are stepping-out in faith, beginning "Fresh Expressions" of church. New or different forms of church can change culture. Beginning a fresh expression of church out of and alongside your church could breathe new life not only into your church, but also into you. Starting a fresh expression of church could be the answer to your innate sense that a contemporary service, a vision statement, and a strategy team sometimes aren't enough. This training is for pastors of existing congregations, pastors interested in new church starts, superintendents, and staff. William Chaney from Path 1 will be leading this training. For more in on Fresh Expression, visit www.freshexpressionsus.org. To register for the event, Click [HERE](#). Brad Aycock, Director of New Church Development, bradaycock@wocumc.org.

Teen Mental Health Panel January 28

The Elephant in the Room is an event for youth and their families regarding Teen Mental Health. It is sponsored by Nationwide Children's Hospital and Stonybrook Church's Wellness Ministry. We'd like for people in the area to be able to come. 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at Stonybrook UMC. Contact Rev. Nikki Baker for additional information, Nikki.Baker@stonybrookumc.org. [Flyer](#)

Emergency Response Team Trainings Scheduled

A basic training class will be held at Stonybrook UMC in Gahanna on January 21
<http://www.westhioumc.org/equip/mission-and-justice/conference/event/early-response-training-stonybrook-umc>

A basic class and a recertification class will be held at Aley UMC in Beaver Creek on February 4
<http://www.westhioumc.org/equip/mission-and-justice/conference/event/early-response-training-and-recertification-aley-umc>

Wesley Glen and Wesley Elder Care Offer Lunch and Learning Opportunities

The staff at Wesley Glen/Wesley Elder Care are offering churches the opportunity to host an informational session explaining the history and church affiliation of their organizations. Contact Erika Englebrecht for more information, eenglebrecht@meccsrc.com.

IRS Mileage Rate

The IRS has set the standard mileage rate for business miles driven at 53.5 cents/mile (\$0.535) effective January 1, 2017. This is a reduction of 0.5 cents/mile in 2016. Please note this on mileage reimbursement requests made for trips beginning in January.

Breakthrough Goals Data Entry Deadline is January 31

As you finalize your end-of-year reporting, please note that the deadline to input your 2016 Breakthrough Data online is January 31, 2017.

Desert Spirituality: Wisdom from the Ammas and Abbas

Online Course January 16 – February 24, 2017. Have you noticed we live in a new age of continuous change? The old saying “we’ve always done it that way” does not hold true in an age of disorientation when folks’ fears guide thinking, doing, reacting, and relationships. The trouble I see with “always doing it that way” is that we only look back to recent history – we like things to stay the same with how we have experienced *our* past. This six-week continuing education course brings wisdom from the ancient past into contemporary culture. You are invited to join me in looking back to look forward by experiencing the wisdom of our ancient ancestors in faith, the Desert Mothers and Fathers. These every day, ordinary folks desired more than their contemporary society provided. They fled away from the temptations, the toils, and the terrors of urban living to search for an authentic experience of sole reliance upon God in the desert. Through this class participants will explore: Stability of heart in God while in the midst of the life’s storms, The wisdom of wasting time with God, Spiritual Disciplines of Silence and Solitude, Spiritual Disciplines of Connecting and Community, Attributes of endurance and celebrations of joy. Rev. Dr. Brenda K. Buckwell, Obl. OSB, Instructor; 2 CEU’s \$300.00. For complete information please visit www.livingstreamsflowingwater.com/upcoming.
<https://www.garrett.edu/desert-spirituality-wisdom-ammass-and-abbas>

Youth and Parent Mentor Positions Available

OhioGuidestone provides counseling, therapy, interventions, and resources for at risk adults, teens and children. To check out their wonderful ministry to Franklin county and surrounding communities please see www.ohioGuidestone.org. OhioGuidestone was founded by the UMC and for over 100 years it was an affiliate organization of the UMC. However when all affiliate organizations became independent of the greater UMC, so did OhioGuidestones. OhioGuidestone is seeking individuals for part time employment to work as youth mentors and parent mentors. Please see the [attached fliers](#).

Camp Hope for those facing grief due to the loss of a loved one August 4 – 5

Ohio Health Hospice, Nationwide Children’s Hospital Hospice, Heartland Hospice and Schoedinger Funeral Home are sponsoring Camp Hope, for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one, on August 4 and 5, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information

Classifieds

Alive NOW devotional magazines available

ALIVE NOW devotional magazines previously published by Upper Room Ministries that I would like to make available to anyone interested, free of charge. The first edition is dated Winter 1971 and

continues through 2007. The magazines are an excellent source of liturgical material, prayer resources, and sermon illustrations. If you're interested in only particular editions, that can also be arranged. For more information contact me, Jim Freshour at (614) 309-5185.

Help Wanted

Find additional information on these positions [here](#).

Director of Music Ministries, Church of the Master

Director of Children's Ministry, Hilliard UMC

Positions at Westside Free Store

The Westside Free Store intends to hire two staff in the next five months - a 45-60 hr/month **Store Manager** (Christian-based pastoral/administrative ministry position) and a **Cooking Cooperative** community development leader - 1 yr VISTA position (outreach, networking, volunteer-mobilization, community engagement). For additional information contact Susan Kroeker, M.Div., M.Ed., Executive Director, Westside Free Store, 61 South Powell Avenue (Hilltop) 559.515.3612 – cell, susankroeker@gmail.com