



**New this week:** *One More Chance – for Families Impacted by Gambling, January 24 at Trinity UMC; Bridges Out of Poverty training offered in Marion March 16 and 17; TARRP workshop on safety and security in the church and Heroin and Opiate addiction February 18; VIM Leader training March 18; Administrative staff are invited to join PAUMCS*

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## **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!

There are 20 Workshops to attend!

Please share this information with your congregation.

**Saturday, February 4, 2017**

**at Grove City United Methodist Church**

2650 Columbus St., Grove City, Ohio 43123

[Map](#) to the church

#### **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

**Detailed workshop descriptions can be found [here](#).**

**[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  
Lay Servant Ministries – Ms. Judy Hug  
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

### **Horizon Prison Ministry Volunteer Day January 22**

At Horizon Prison Initiative, we believe that honor, respect, and dignity are due to each and every human being, not because of the greatness of their achievements nor how they have behaved, but because they are home to a soul that is inherently holy. Please join us to learn more about our work with incarcerated men and women, ask questions, and discover what it means to be a Horizon volunteer. January 22, 2017, 3:00 - 5:00 pm at North Broadway UMC, 48 E. North Broadway, Columbus, 43214. RSVP to [info@horizonprisoninitiative.org](mailto:info@horizonprisoninitiative.org). [Flyer](#)

### **One More Chance – for Families Impacted by Gambling January 24**

Join us at Trinity UMC, 1581 Cambridge Blvd., Columbus, on Tuesday, January 24 at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall for One More Chance, a free community education opportunity for families who are impacted by gambling. This will be presented by Maryhaven, as approved by ADAMH. The seminar will cover practical measures (like protecting finances and understanding the disease of addiction) as well as the emotional and mental health challenges facing families who deal with problem gambling. [Additional information](#). It might be a great way to train your lay leaders or others in your congregation who'd like to offer support to families struggling with addiction. I've invited my people. Please see attached additional information on this opportunity! Sign up at [www.maryhaven.com/onemorechance](http://www.maryhaven.com/onemorechance) or call [614-324-5425](tel:614-324-5425).

### **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](http://www.freshexpressionsus.org). To register for the event, Click [HERE](#). Brad Aycock, Director of New Church Development, [bradaycock@wocumc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.westohioumc.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.westohioumc.org/equip/mission-and-justice/conference/event/early-response-training-and-recertification-aley-umc>

VIM leader training scheduled for March 18 at the West Ohio Conference Center  
<http://www.westohioumc.org/equip/mission-and-justice/conference/event/volunteers-mission-vim-team-leader-training-0>

## 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 Englebrect for more information, [eenglebrect@mecsrc.com](mailto:eenglebrect@mecsrc.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](http://www.livingstreamsflowingwater.com/upcoming).  
<https://www.garrett.edu/desert-spirituality-wisdom-ammas-and-abbas>

## **Professional Association of United Methodist Church Secretaries**

Celebrating over 20 years of service, Ohio PAUMCS is committed to their purpose of recognizing the position of the church secretary as a professional within the church. By providing leadership and educational opportunities around Ohio, the Ohio PAUMCS chapter is linking secretaries, administrative assistants, and volunteer staff as an effective support group in local ministry. Ohio PAUMCS President Vicki Miller, the officers and members invite you to use the [membership application](#) to renew or begin your association with a group of men and women who are committed to serving at the local church. Individual membership is \$25.00 and a staff membership is \$40.00. **Applications are due by February 15, 2017** to Lisa Gleason, 1750 Eastgate Rd. Toledo, OH 43614. If you have any questions, please email me at [office@cotcumc.com](mailto:office@cotcumc.com) or visit the [web site](#). PAUMCS is only as effective as its members. Join now and plan to attend the Spring Workshop to held at Wooster UMC (tentative date of April 18<sup>th</sup>).

## **Safety and Security in Your Church/Opiate and Heroin Addiction February 18**

So what happens in an emergency at your church—lost child, unresponsive adult, accident, disorderly person, gas line break, smoke, tornado, utility failure, intruder or active shooter? Who directs the members? What's the plan? Who to call? We should know. Come and learn: To use the Assessment Tool for safety and security in and around your church; Develop Emergency Plans for a multitude of emergencies in and around your church. Plan for a Crisis Team to handle any emergency, illness, or problem during worship.

Regarding Opiate & Heroin Addiction: Learn how and why persons, even 12 year olds, are addicted. Why pre-school children are addicted. Why arrests don't solve the problem. What pain killers does your doctor prescribe to you? It's important we: Understand the depth of the opiate and heroin problem in our church's community; Offer ways to help families affected by opiate or heroin addiction; Be more aware of opiates you and family members are prescribed.

On February 18, 2017, in Hebron, Ohio, TARRP (Town and Rural Resource Program) is offering a very informative workshop to help your church board, mission team, and others learn and be equipped to help your church to make a difference in the lives of your parishioners and community. Please see the [brochure](#) or email Rev. Debbie Ketcham at [revdsk@frontier.com](mailto:revdsk@frontier.com) for more information.

## **Bridges Out of Poverty Training Offered in Marion March 16 and 17**

Jodi Pfarr, National Trainer for the Bridges Out of Poverty Program, will lead the Basic Bridges Out of Poverty two-day training on March 16 and 17, 2017 at Meta Solutions, 100 Executive Drive, Marion, OH 43302. For more information or to register, contact Marion Matters at [cw.marionmatters@gmail.com](mailto:cw.marionmatters@gmail.com) Cost is \$20/day. See [flyer](#) for additional details.

## **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

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## **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](mailto:susankroeker@gmail.com)

## **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](http://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](#).