

New this week: Lay Servant Ministries spring course offerings announced: Basic Course, Leading Prayer, UM Heritage, and Justice in Every Day Life/UM Social Principles; Safety and Security in the Church training plus the Difficulties of Opiate and Heroin Addiction offered March 3 - sponsored by TARRP; Faith-based Re-entry Summit in Springfield April 12; Asbury North Chili Cook-off Fundraiser February 3; Continuing Education opportunities from Living Streams, Flowing Water; free older commercial stove available.

The **District Leadership Training Day** is only two weeks away! Saturday, February 3rd. Please register your attendees soon so that we can plan for enough space for each workshop. [Register here!](#) New courses this year include workshops for Youth Leaders, Clergy Taxes, Navigating End of life decisions, Active Listening, the Opiate Epidemic, It Worked for Me in a Rural Setting, Making Jail and Prison Ministry Personal, Grant writing and Disciple-making. 24 different workshops!

Prayer Requests

District Prayer Requests Prayer Requests for the Week of January 21:

Summit UMC – Rev. Kim Wisecup

Prayers are requested for this time of pastoral transition.

East Liberty UMC – Rev. Linda Dulin-Moore

Prayers are requested for continued increase in discipleship and spiritual growth.

Ebenezer UMC – Rev. Samuel Osam-Duodu

[Here is a link to the weekly prayer list.](#)

Prayers are requested for the family of **Rev. Jean Tyler**, who passed away last week. She was a retired pastor from The West Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church. As a Deacon, she served Middletown First UMC and Worthington UMC. [Obituary](#)

IRS Mileage Rate for 2018

The IRS rate for mileage reimbursement for 2018 is \$0.545/mile.

Year-end reports are due February 9!

Year-end reports were sent out in late December. Those reports are due no later than **February 9, 2018**. <https://www.westohioumc.org/conference/end-year-reports>. Contact Jack Frost with any questions, jfrost@wocumc.org. Please don't wait to submit these important reports.

Trainings



2018 CAN and CAS District Leadership Training Day

Saturday, February 3, 2018, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm at

Powell UMC, 825 E. Olentangy St., Powell, OH

This year we are offering **24 WORKSHOPS** and **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**
Every year we have 350 – 400 people attend this training. You don't want to miss it!

Who should attend?

Clergy, Church Staff, Trustees, Finance Committee Members, S/PPRC Members, Children's Ministry teams, Youth Leaders, Lay Leaders, Church Treasurers, Church Leadership, Visioning Teams, Usher Teams, Church Safety Committees, Worship Teams, Technology Teams, Visitation Teams, Stephen Ministers, Missions and Outreach Committees, anyone interested in Lay Servant Ministry, Health and Wellness Teams, and church laity. Did we forget anyone?? Invite them, too!

Workshops include:

Session 1 9:15 – 10:45 am - Trustees, Church Lifecycles, Church Safety, Finance, Making Prison and Jail Ministry Personal, Multimedia for the Regular Church, Pension and Health Insurance, S/PPRC, Safe Sanctuaries, End of Life Conversations, Grant Writing, and Youth Leaders

Session 2 11:00 am – 12:30 pm – A Primer in Active Listening, Children's Ministry, Clergy Taxes, Community Ministries, Discipleship-making Pathways, Global Mission Partnerships, 'It Worked for Us' in a Rural Setting, Harnessing the Power of Social Media, Lay Servant Ministries, Leading through Prayer, the Opiate Epidemic, and Questions for the District Superintendent

Pre-registration is requested so that we can plan for adequate space and materials. [Register HERE](#)

Strategic Planning for Faith-based Community Programs January 20

The United Way of Central Ohio is offering a Neighborhood Partnership Center Workshop on Strategic Planning for faith-based community programs on Saturday, January 20, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, at Centenary UMC, 2048 Denune Ave., Columbus. Lunch is provided. Participants will learn asset mapping of your community, identifying your target audience and recruitment, developing a sustainability plan and a budget, building partnerships, scaling projects for success and measuring success, and foundations of grant writing. For additional information contact Sharon Ware, Sharon.ware@uwcentralohio.org. Registration is required as space is limited: <https://uwco.wufoo.com/forms/sum1qkc1143mju/>

ERT Training January 27

Emergency Response Training at North Broadway UMC. [Click here](#) for information and to register.

Creating a Legacy for Your Church's Future February 10

Held at Grove City UMC, on Saturday, February 10th, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Every church is in need of additional streams of income. Local churches work hard to grow generous givers in their congregations, but a cultural transformation of generosity takes time as part of the individual's discipleship path. Giving USA indicates religious bodies are the number one recipients of all charitable dollars in the United States. However, they are number five in estate gifts. Education about estate giving a spiritual discipline of giving is just as important as prayer, Bible Study, and workshop. But an appropriate infrastructure to manage estate gifts is essential so donors know their gift will be well managed and the income from it utilized to transform lives in a walk with Jesus Christ. Read more and [register here](#).

VIM Training February 17

Volunteers in Mission Training at Marion Epworth UMC. [Click here](#) for information and to register

Safety and Security in the Church plus The Difficulties of Opiate and Heroin Addiction March 3

So, what happens in an emergency at your church—lost child, unresponsive adult, accident, a 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 how 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 so that a Crisis Team can handle any emergency, illness, or problem during worship.

On Sat. March 3, 2018, in Cambridge, Ohio, TARRP (Town and Rural Resource Program) of East & West Ohio Conferences 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. Plan to bring a team! Discounts for 3 or more. Please see the [attached brochure](#) or email Rev. Debbie Ketcham at revdsk@frontier.com for more information.

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. 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 aware of opiates you and family members are prescribed.



Save the dates! Lay Servant Ministries Spring 2018 Course Offerings

Email capitolareanorth@wocumc.org to be notified when registration opens.

Leading Prayer - April 6 and 7, 2018, held at Johnstown UMC, led by Rev. Matt Van Winkle and Rev. Kevin Orr Information coming soon!

Introduction to Lay Servant Ministry: The Basic Course - April 7, 2018, held at Johnstown UMC and led by Ms. Kathy Moore and Rev. Jeff Waeger Information coming soon!

Advanced Course: [UM Heritage - Living Out Our United Methodist Beliefs](#) - April 27 and 28, 2018, held at St. Luke's UMC and led by Rev. Jon Osmundson

Advanced Course: [Justice in Everyday Life: the UM Social Principles](#) - April 27 and 28, 2018, held at St. Luke's UMC and led by Ms. Judy Hug and Mr. Joe Clark

Faith-Based Re-entry Summit: Building Communities of Hope and Healing

April 12

Thursday, April 12, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at Central Community Center, 102 W. High St., Springfield. Join us for a day focused on balancing justice with mercy by building relationships of hope and healing between churches, correctional institutions, and communities. Free. Space is limited to the first 200 who register for this free event. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.



PAUMCS Membership and Spring Conference April 17

Celebrating over 26 years of service, Ohio PAUMCS is committed to their purpose of recognizing the position of the church administrator 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. The officers and members invite you to use [this 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, 2018** to Lisa Gleason, 1750 Eastgate Rd. Toledo, OH 43614. If you have any questions, please email me at office@cotcumc.com. PAUMCS is only as effective as its members. Join now and plan to attend the Spring Workshop to held at Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church, 1636 Graham Road, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068, April 17, 2018.

Grief Seminars/Workshops Available

As a pastor and church leader, we are in relationship with people from birth to death. As a pastor and counselor, I have walked the grief journey with many people. Having experienced the death of my parents, close friends and a grandchild, I thought I understood grief. Through the death of my husband, I have experienced the depth and emotions of grief which has guided me in walking the journey with others. Grief is part of the journey of life and the price of love. Grief is different for each person but there are similarities in the grief experience. I have been writing about the grief journey and in the process, have created this grief seminar/ workshop that I would like to offer to your church or a group in which you are involved. Topics include emotions of grief, living in the midst of grief, coping skills, a new reality, dealing with holidays, loneliness, and much more. I am a United Methodist Elder and a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC). I have 6 years of experience as a Hospice Chaplain. I am an author of 3 devotional books and am writing two more books. The cost of the class is negotiable. The workshop/seminar can be modified to fit the needs of your church from day/evening event, Saturday workshop or Sunday morning class. I am also available to lead workshops and retreats on a variety of

topics. Please contact me with questions or to schedule for 2018. You may contact me by email – ejsturtz7@gmail.com or by cell phone – 614-406-9544 (Call or text). Blessings, Elaine

Events and Information

Be the Dream! Don't Let Nobody Turn You Around: An Artistic Celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. January 21

Join us on January 21, 2018, at 3:00 pm at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 1150 W. 5th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43212. Dr. Carren Moham, Director/Organizer and Michael Lester, piano. Join us as professional and amateur artists come together to present a program of living history vignettes and music from several genres to honor the legacy of Dr. King. This program is a presentation of the Music at St. Luke's concert series and is free and open to the public.

GriefShare and DivorceCare Support Groups start January 21

I wanted to share two support groups we are starting at Bexley United Methodist Church, GriefShare & DivorceCare. Both groups will start on January 21st and will run until April 22nd. They will meet at the church from 5:00-6:30 and there is a \$20 fee for the workbook. People are welcome to join anytime. People can contact me at murphy@bexleyumc.org or go to the websites www.griefshare.org and www.divorcecare.org. Elizabeth Murphy, Dir. of Outreach & Engagement, Bexley UMC.

Asbury North UMC Chili Cook-off Fundraiser February 3

Saturday, February 3rd at 2:00 pm, Asbury North UMC, 1586 Clifton Ave., Columbus. All are welcome to enter their chili, cornbread, and pie dishes. Donation per entry: \$25/chili, \$35/chili and one item, \$40/all three items. Prizes for the top three entries! Prepare enough for tasting and to be donated to Star House, a drop-in center for transitional youth. Register by January 31 columbusplti@yahoo.com or 614-778-1951.

Continuing Education Opportunities from Living Streams Flowing Water

Rev. Dr. Brenda Buckwell offers several opportunities for training this year. Some offerings include:

One-hour Webinar on The Heartbeat of Leadership

Desert Spirituality II Going Deeper – The Seeker and the Saint online course April 9 – May 18

Habits of the Heart – Exploring the Basics of Spiritual Discipline May 7 – June 2

Soul Companionship – An Introduction to Spiritual Direction September 3 – 29

AR – The Advent of God's Word - A Devotional Retreat December 3 – January 11

<http://www.livingstreamsflowingwater.com/upcoming-opportunities/> or contact Brenda at brenda@livingstreamsflowingwater.com



Clergy Day Apart – Thursday, March 8, 2018. [Register here.](#)

Heber Brown leads 'Faith, Food and Flourishing' workshop at MTSO April 17

The Rev. Dr. Heber Brown III, founder of the Black Church Food Security Network, will lead a day of learning and inspiration for church leaders April 17 at MTSO. The day runs from 1 p.m. through 8 p.m. and includes five components: a chapel service; a “Faith, Food and Flourishing” workshop; tours of MTSO’s Seminary Hill Farm; a networking dinner featuring locally sourced food; and an evening lecture by Brown. Tuition of \$25 per person includes the afternoon workshop and dinner. The chapel service, farm tour and public lecture are offered at no cost. Scholarships are available for those in need. Registration is required. Detailed and online registration are available at [//www.mtso.edu/flourish](http://www.mtso.edu/flourish).

UM Historical Society Spring Meeting April 21

The United Methodist Historical Society of Ohio (UMHSO) will meet at the Canal Lewisville UMC (198 E. Church St., Coshocton 43812) on Saturday, April 21, 2018, with the theme, “Crossroads of Ohio United Methodism.” The Annual Meeting and Convocation, usually alternating between East and West Ohio Conference sites, brings together UMHSO members (local church historians, pastors, and others) to share historical preservation and exhibition resources, ministry ideas for local church anniversary celebrations, and good Christian fellowship. This year’s event, in the Three Rivers District, also includes optional Friday PM visits to local historical sites, with a block of rooms available for those staying in Coshocton Friday night. Further information and a full schedule for the Convocation will be out in March in the official UMHSO semi-annual newsletter. Historians and others who are interested in membership may contact Ed Duling as listed below or visit www.umhso.org/MembershipForm

Classifieds

Free Commercial Stove available

Large older stove still works. Double oven, six burners, griddle. Thermometer broken on one oven, but it still works, it is just harder to regulate temperature. Must be picked up from Powell UMC by the end of January. If you are interested contact the district office right away as it must be gone before the new stove arrives. capitolareanorth@wocumc.org.

Help Wanted

[Part-time Worship Musician, Prospect UMC](#)

[Children’s Ministry Coordinator, Marysville First UMC](#)