

# West Ohio Conference Capitol Area North



**New this week:** 'Holding Up Your Corner' Clergy Study led by Rev. Linda Middelberg; A Call to Leadership and Ethnic Minority Undergraduate Scholarships Available; Financial Peace University held at King Avenue UMC; Implicit Bias Workshop Training at MTSO; VIM team to Nicaragua in June; Volunteer Drivers needed at New Life UMC; Health and Bedding Kits needed by UMCOR; Youth group seeks summer mission work; Presentation on End of Life conversations at MTSO; 'The Cost of Poverty Experience' Simulation; Schooler Institute on Preaching at MTSO; Advanced Lay Servant Course on UM Polity and Basic Lay Servant training offered at Marysville First UMC

**Remember to Register for the CAN/CAS Leadership Training Day next Saturday, February 4!**

## 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



**Holding Up Your Corner: Talking About Race in Your Community  
A study led by Linda Middelberg for Clergy in the CAN District**

King Avenue UMC – Thursdays 2:30 – 4:00 on February 2, 9, 16  
Milford Center UMC – Tuesdays 2:00 - 3:30 on February 14, 21, 28  
Bellefontaine First UMC – Tuesdays 2:00 - 3:30 on March 7, 14, 21

*Holding Up Your Corner: Talking About Race in Your Community* by F. Willis Johnson, led by Linda Middelberg. Lead your congregation to see and solve problems of race and justice in your community. This study equips pastors to respond with confidence when crises occur, lower their own inhibitions about addressing this topic, and reclaim their authority as prophetic witnesses and leaders in order to transform their communities. This book provides practical, foundational guidance, showing pastors how to live into their calling to address injustice, and how to lead others to do the same. Holding Up Your Corner prompts readers to observe, identify and name the complex causes of violence and hatred in the reader's particular community, including racial prejudice, entrenched poverty and exploitation,

segregation, the loss of local education and employment, the ravages of addiction, and so on.

Right now, this study is for clergy only. You will get the most out of this study if you attend all three sessions, but if you can attend at least two of the sessions you can still participate. You will receive the book at your first class. Please reply to this email to [capitolareanorth@wocumc.org](mailto:capitolareanorth@wocumc.org) and include the location you will be attending so that we know how many people will be participating.

### **Lay Members At-Large to Annual Conference**

Every year, each District has a number of openings for the election of additional lay members to the Annual Conference. These additional lay members come from the heart of our United Methodist congregations. We invite you, the laity in our churches to consider offering your name to represent our District at Annual Conference. Our goal, as always, is to have a balanced and diverse group of individuals to represent our diverse district. This means that we will do our best to be diverse in respect to ethnicity, age, demographic context (rural, urban, suburban, small membership church, large membership church) and more. If you are interested in serving in this capacity please contact the district office for more information or to be placed on the list for consideration, [capitolareanorth@wocumc.org](mailto:capitolareanorth@wocumc.org). If you have previously served in this capacity please contact us to register your continued interest in serving.

### **Series on LGBTQ Inclusion: Becoming Faithfully Inclusive Wednesday evenings**

Special guest Alex Shanks, Faith Organizer Project and Field Director for Equality Ohio, will be leading a five-part series. Join North Broadway United Methodist Church for Wednesday Night Connections every Wednesday from January 25, 2017 to February 22, 2017 for a five-part series: Becoming Faithfully Inclusive. You are welcome to attend all classes or as many as you can. All are welcome to each and every class. Each class is at 6:30 until 7:45pm. Nursery care is available for children up to 4 years old. Bible Adventures, music and activities are available for children K-6<sup>th</sup>. North Broadway United Methodist Church, 48 E. North Broadway, Columbus, OH 43214, [www.north-broadway.org](http://www.north-broadway.org) • 614-268-8626

### **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](#)



### **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.

### **Reminder: Year-end Report Data Submission Deadline is February 15**

If you need assistance with submitting your year-end data please contact the district office.

### **Undergraduate Scholarships Available**

The West Ohio Conference is offering two scholarship opportunities for undergraduate students attending accredited institutions of higher education during the 2017-18 academic years: a Call to Leadership scholarship and an Ethnic Minority Scholarship. To learn more about the scholarship criteria visit [www.westohioumc.org/conference/undergraduate-scholarships](http://www.westohioumc.org/conference/undergraduate-scholarships).

## **Financial Peace University Wednesday evenings starting Feb 1**

Dave Ramsey and his teaching team will walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future, and much more. The course is made up of a small group of people and is a great way to share ideas, be encouraged, and stay motivated. Classes meet for nine weeks and are led by Lauren Newsom and Bill Brownson. Classes will begin Wednesday, February 1 and will meet Wednesday evenings at 6:30 for nine sessions. Cost for class materials is \$102 per household. Register and learn more at [www.fpu.com/1034773](http://www.fpu.com/1034773).

## **Emergency Response Team Trainings Scheduled**

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>

## **Implicit Bias Training Workshop at MTSO February 7**

Throughout our lives, we are exposed to millions of messages about the world around us – messages that shape our perceptions of people, places, concepts, and ideas. This workshop will equip participants with a deeper understanding of our unconscious mental processing and the ways in which these implicit associations impact our decision-making. Read more [here](#). Tuesday, February 7, 11:45 – 1:00 pm at MTSO, \$10 includes lunch.

## **Volunteers in Mission Team to Nicaragua**

The June mission team to Managua Nicaragua, **June 20-28, 2017**, is now forming. This team will continue working at the Christian School of Fundacion El Samaritano, a relationship that has been going on annually with United Methodist teams since 1996. The activities may include interaction with the students and possibly some construction and maintenance projects. The team may also engage in some community projects and other projects with the Nicaragua Methodist Church. Time for worship in a local church, sightseeing and shopping will be available. The June team is for all but is especially appropriate for students and young adults. The cost is \$1,500 per volunteer which is all inclusive except for personal purchases. A brochure and application form can be obtained by contacting Jack Reif at [jack.reif@zoomtown.com](mailto:jack.reif@zoomtown.com) or by phone at 513-831-5550.

## **Volunteer Drivers Needed at New Life UMC**

New Life Community Outreach has volunteer needs and we are hoping you will help us spread the word so we can best serve the hundreds of neighbors who come to New Life UMC every week for food, clothing, healthcare, spiritual renewal and fellowship! Specifically, we are looking for:

**Drivers:** New Life Community Outreach is looking for adults with a good driving record to drive the New Life van once a month on Sunday mornings to transport persons to and from New Life so they can receive a hot breakfast, see the doctor, receive clothing, and/or attend worship. For more information, please contact Dan Ewing at [dan.ewing@biomerieux.com](mailto:dan.ewing@biomerieux.com)

## Health and Bedding Kits Needed

UMCOR Sager Brown is still in need of health and bedding kits. If you and your congregation are able to assist with this request, that would truly be a blessing. As you are aware, crisis can occur anywhere, at any time, just as with the recent tornadoes that hit Hattiesburg, Mississippi this past weekend. We want to be prepared as best we can to answer the call should our brothers and sisters need us. Should you have any questions about the construction of these kits, please go to our website at [www.umcor.org/reliefsupplies](http://www.umcor.org/reliefsupplies). Thanking you in advance.

## Youth Group Seeking Summer Mission Work

A church in the Northwest Plains District is looking for a summer mission work trip opportunity for their youth group. They would like to do mission work within the West Ohio Conference boundaries and would also need housing at a local church. Contact [deblee@wocumc.org](mailto:deblee@wocumc.org) if you are interested.



## Professional Association of United Methodist Church Secretaries Feb 15

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>).

## MTSO offers presentation on end-of-life conversations February 15

End-of-life conversations can be among the most difficult and important that family members, caregivers and faith-community leaders undertake. Methodist Theological School in Ohio will offer tools for having these discussions in a presentation at 7 p.m. Feb. 15 in the Alford Centrum on the MTSO campus, 3081 Columbus Pike in Delaware. Rev. Kristin Langstraat, system director for faith community relations at OhioHealth, will lead the presentation and discussion "Talking About What Matters Most: End-of-Life Conversations." The event is free and open to the public. No registration is required.

## 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.

### **The Cost of Poverty Experience Simulation February 11**

Linden Life Fellowship invites you to The Cost of Poverty Experience (COPE) Poverty Simulation, a dynamic shared learning experience that offers a glimpse into the lives of families and individuals living in poverty in our community. It is a look into the obstacles that are faced, the decisions that are made, and the consequences that impact these families every day. AnswerPoverty.org is offering this event at a reduced cost of \$20 per/person for guests of Linden Life Fellowship. This event includes lunch. Registration is limited. 9:00 am – 12:30 pm. [More information](#) or contact Chris Zeidner at [czeidner@gmail.com](mailto:czeidner@gmail.com).

### **ADAMH Sponsors Faith Leader Symposium February 28**

The sacred work you do is demanding, taxing and often leaves little time for the kind of self-care you probably counsel your congregants to practice. Presented by the ADAMH Board of Franklin County, you will spend the day exploring ways to balance taking care of your mental and physical health with doing the work of your calling. Information will be shared on taking care of yourselves in light of your focus on faith, finances and the many tasks your position demands you master. Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am – 3:00 pm at the Columbus Foundation, 1234 E. Broad St., Columbus. Register [here](#).

### **Stewardship 101 for the Smaller Church March 4**

Offered at Hope UMC in Canal Winchester, details can be found [here](#).

### **“Spring Crop” at New Albany UMC March 4**

You are invited to a scrapbooking crop at New Albany UMC. Click here for [more information](#) and to pay online. This is a fund raiser for youth mission trips. Come for a half or full day of scrapbooking time with vendors on site, lunch and dinner provided. Contact Jean Schafer with questions, [schaferjean75@gmail.com](mailto:schaferjean75@gmail.com).



### **Benefit Concert to Raise Funds for Schools in African Refugee Camps March 12**

Watoto Read invites you to join us on Sunday, March 12, 3:00 -4:30 at Scioto Ridge UMC, 4343 Dublin Rd., Hilliard. Six artists will appear, including Keith Larson, TJ George, Eric Gnezda, Donna Mogavero, Teri Gray and Jasey Schnaars. Donations will be accepted. [Flyer](#)

### **MTSO Schooler Institute on Preaching March 14 and 15**

Read more [here](#).



## **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.

## **UMCOR Spiritual and Emotional Care Training March 17 and 18**

Held at the West Ohio Conference Center. Read more [here](#)



## **United Methodist Polity Advanced Lay Servant Course March 31 – April 1**

*An Offering of the Capitol Area North and South Districts' Board of Laity*

**Friday, March 31, 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm, and Saturday, April 1, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm, at Marysville First UMC, 207 S. Court St., Marysville, Ohio 43040, 937-642-4712.** This course gives participants an overview of the structure and organization of The United Methodist Church. A copy of the 2016 Book of Discipline is recommended. (*Borrow one from your church if possible – no need to purchase one!*) Pre-reading of the book is required: The Method of Our Mission by Lacey C. Warner, Participant's Book • AB717 • 978-1-42676-717-3 • \$23 Order the book on your own. Links to the book can be found [here](#). Cost for the course is \$15 which includes class materials, snacks, and lunch on Saturday. Class is limited to 30 participants. An Advanced Lay Servant Class, it also serves as a required course for those seeking to be certified as an Advanced Lay Servant or Lay Speaker. Approval of the participant's pastor, as well as of the charge conference or church council, is also required for one to become an Advanced Lay Servant or Lay Speaker. **Registration Deadline: March 22, 2017** [Information and Registration form](#)

## **Lay Servant Basic Course April 1**

*An Offering of the Capitol Area North and South Districts' Board of Laity*

**Saturday, April 1, 2017, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm, at Marysville First UMC, 207 S. Court St., Marysville, Ohio 43040, 937-642-4712** This course is foundational for all courses in Lay Servant Ministries. Participants are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended and to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a group that holds members accountable in their discipleship. This course is recommended for paid and unpaid leaders in the church interested in a lay servant ministry role serving primarily with their local church and congregation. Pre-reading is required: Lay Servant Ministry Participant's Book • DR626 • 978-0-88177-626-3 • \$11.00 by Sandy Zeigler Jackson and Brian Jackson. Order the book on your own; it is available at Cokesbury or Amazon – links to the book can be

found [here](#). Cost for the course is \$15 which includes snacks and lunch on Saturday. Registration is limited to 20 participants. **Registration Deadline: March 22, 2017** [Information and Registration form](#)

## **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**

### **Help Wanted**

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

**Worship Leader**, North Broadway UMC

**Part-time Administrative Assistant**, Rural Chapel UMC

**Director of Music Ministries**, Church of the Master

**Director of Children's Ministry**, Hilliard UMC