



New this week: Remember to submit your church year-end data online by next Wednesday, February 15; Online Lenten class offered; Young Adult Ministry Coordinator needed at Bethel International UMC; West side Free Store seeks manager; Lay Members at-large to Annual Conference are needed; there is still time for clergy to register for the 'Holding Up Your Corner' study in Milford Center or Bellefontaine; Advanced Lay Servant Ministry courses being offered this spring include UM Polity, Go Preach, and Pastoral Care, and the Basic Lay Servant Ministry Course will also be offered;

News, Trainings and Events

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.



Refugee and Immigration Crisis Response

Rev. Karen Cook has spoken to our local representatives at Community Refugee and Immigration Services and World Relief and she shares the impact the four-month moratorium is having on their organizations, and what we can do to help. From Rev. Karen Cook:

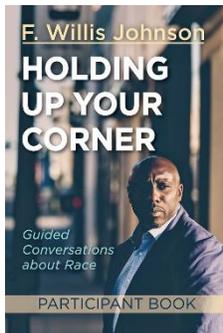
"I heard a commentary today that reminded me that "We win!"

No matter what is going on in this world; "We Win!"

John 16:33 reminds us: "I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!"

So, we just need to First do no harm, do good and stay in love with God! 3 simple rules to get us through as believers of Jesus Christ.

In response to current climate around Refugees and Immigrants Bishop Bruce Ough suggest, "When we abandon strangers who are at risk of bigotry, xenophobia and violence, we not only destroy their hope, we destroy our own souls," he said. "I call on the Trump administration and the U.S. Congress to rescind the harmful executive orders and save the soul of our country." [Read more here.](#)



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

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 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 – more are needed

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. If you have previously served in this capacity please contact us to register your continued interest in serving.



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 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 18th).

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.

Emergency Response Team Trainings Scheduled

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>



An Act of Love Film Screening February 25

Join us for a screening of "An Act of Love" on February 25th at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall at King Avenue UMC, 299 King Ave., Columbus

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 for more information.

MTSO Sponsors presentation on Opioid Epidemic Feb 22

How can we as individuals and a community confront the opioid epidemic that has gripped the state of Ohio? Andrea Boxill, deputy director of the Governor's Cabinet Opiate Action Team at the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, will address the issue in a presentation at Methodist Theological School in Ohio. The presentation, "Opioids and Heroin: The Sins of Our Past," begins at 7 p.m. Feb. 22 in the Alford Centrum on the MTSO campus, 3081 Columbus Pike in Delaware. It is free and open to the public. No registration is required.

"Love Lifted Me" Breakfast February 25

Centenary UMC, 2048 Denune Ave., Columbus, is holding a breakfast in honor of the 100th anniversary of Clair UMC on Saturday, Feb 25 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Doors open at 9:00 am. Tickets are \$20.00 and must be purchased by Feb. 19th. Guest speaker will be Carla Bailey, author of "This Road I Travelled" and Lisa Griffin is guest soloist.

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 28th, 8:30 am – 3:00 pm at the Columbus Foundation, 1234 E. Broad St., Columbus. Register [here](#).

Online Lenten Class

This six-week Lent class will focus upon those who walked beside Jesus during his life with specific focus on characters he encountered during Holy Week. For every biblical companion on the Way of Jesus' life and passion, participants will dive into the spiritual depths from the desert wisdom of the Abbas and Ammas. This personal faith enrichment class will provide participants with an opportunity to experience the life of Jesus and his passion in anticipation of his resurrection through Biblical storytelling, personal examination and creative prayer with the Jewish tradition of midrash, praying in color, labyrinth meditation, *visio divina* and photo pilgrimage. We will "meet" together online each Thursday at 3:00 pm ET during Lent, via WebEx conferencing tool. Online sessions at 3:00 pm ET each Thursday for six weeks of Lent. Session dates: March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13. Registration and further information available now at <https://www.umccybercampus.com/a-lenten-journey-into-bareness-beauty/>

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.



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 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](#)

Lay Servant Advanced Course: Pastoral Care April 21 and 22

Lay Servant Advanced Course: Go Preach April 22 and 29

Offerings of the Capitol Area North and South Districts' Board of Laity

[Information](#) Both classes will be held and Hebron New Life UMC

'Upon this Rock' Passion Play April 14 and 15

Clair UMC will be celebrating 100 years of service. Join us as we travel by deluxe motor coach to see the dynamic passion play at the Pike Performing Arts Center in Indianapolis, IN. The play, snacks, games, prizes, the delicious Kountry Kitchen Soul Food Place and fun and fellowship are included for \$99. Initial deposit of \$40 with balance due by March 17th. Contact the church for more information, claircolumbus@gmail.com.

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 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

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

Help Wanted

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

[Young Adult Ministry Coordinator, Bethel International UMC](#)

[West Side Free Store Manager Position](#)

[Director of Worship \(Non-traditional\), Trinity UMC](#)

[Director of Children's Ministry, Trinity UMC](#)

[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

Substitute Organist Available

Linda Forry is available to substitute for your church organist. She is in the Marysville area. Reach her at lm4e@hotmail.com or 937-707-9465.