



New this week: *UMCM Grant Funds still available for 2017; UM Community Ministries travels to Marion County on March 7 and to Madison County on March 21 for a time of visioning and partnering; Stephen Ministry workshop offered at Church of the Master for churches wanting to learn more about the program and for churches with Stephen Ministry programs; Appalachian Documentary at Maize Manor UMC; Intern needed to work with youth and lead music/worship at Chatham UMC; Accounts Payable Clerk needed at the WOC; piano available.*

News, Trainings and Events

UMCM 2017 Grant Funds available

If you missed out on the fall 2016 grant application cycle, you may be in luck! United Methodist Community Ministries still has a limited amount of 2017 Local Church and Ministry Partnership grants funds available. Applications can be found on the website at <https://umcommin.org>, and are due in the District offices by April 3, 2017. Site visits will take place in April, and the Local Outreach Committee will review and award funds in May with Board approval on May 24, 2017. Grant disbursements will be July 1 and Oct 1. Please call Karen Cook at 614-228-1010, or email her at kcook@wocumc.org with questions.

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

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. 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

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. 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.

Registration and housing information will be sent out on March 1, so this is the last call for new Lay Members-at-Large from the district to be considered in time to receive the initial housing email this year.

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

Appalachian Documentary Screening February 26

Appalachia is a natural wonderland, full of crystal-clear streams, rolling hills, rugged mountains, and an abundance of wildlife. Appalachia is also full of one of this country's most prized natural resources - coal. For more than a century, these two realities have competed for the soul of the Appalachian people: their need for jobs and their love for the land. Born and raised in the foothills of Appalachia, the Rev. Ryan Grace and his wife, Church and Community Worker Mariellyn Grace, recently took a road trip into the heart of Appalachia to explore the history of coal, and what will happen to the people there now that coal is becoming history. The result was 'Boom and Bust: The Appalachian Spirit', a documentary that examines issues like the environmental impact of coal, and how the Appalachian economy might fare in a future without coal. The debut screening will be held Sunday, February 26, at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall at Maize Manor United Methodist Church, 3901 Maize Rd., Columbus. The Rev. Roger Grace and the Rev. Paul McGuire, who combined have more than 70 years of ministry in Appalachian and rural areas, will provide commentary and answer questions. For more information, email mgrace@wocumc.org.

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 mediation, *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.

Congregational Care and Hospital Visitation Mondays, March 6 – April 24

This training is being provided for congregational volunteers and staff who provide visitation ministries to their congregations by Ohio Health Faith Health Connection. To be held at "Leave a Mark Church," 4818 Parsons Avenue, Columbus 43207. Monday evenings, 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Learn about self-awareness

as we visit others, psychological effects of crisis and illness, basic listening skills, care for those with mental illness, grief and end of life, ministry to the elderly/advanced care planning, care for those with disabilities, and ministry in the midst of addictions. Registration fee is \$20 which covers the cost of classes and a resource binder. For more information or to register, contact Rev. Kristin Langstraat, OhioHealth System Director for Faith Community Relations, Kristin.lanstraat@ohiohealth.com or 614-788-8211.

Marion County Coffee with UM Community Ministries March 7

Church pastors and laity are invited for a time of coffee and conversation around visioning for ministry and mission in your area, and how Capitol Area Community Ministries can partner with you! We welcome everyone to join us for this informational time of visioning and dreaming. We will be joined by special guest Sharon Ware, Assistant Impact Director for the United Way. Tuesday, March 7 at 10:30 am at Panera, 1623 Marion-Mt. Gilead Rd., Marion, OH 43302 [Map](#) 740-386-5100. Contact Rev. Karen Cook, Director, Capitol Area Community Ministries, with any questions, kcook@wocumc.org, 614-222-0602. Register [here](#).



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](#)

Emergency Response Team Trainings Scheduled March 18

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>

Madison County Coffee with UM Community Ministries March 21

Church pastors and laity are invited for a time of coffee and conversation around visioning for mission and ministry in your area, and how Capitol Area Community Ministries can partner with you! We welcome everyone to join us for this informal time of visioning and dreaming. We will be joined by special guest Sharon Ware, Assistant Impact Director for the United Way. Tuesday, March 21 at 10:30 am at the London Coffee Peddler, 127 S. Main St., London, 614-578-1040 [Map](#) Contact Rev. Karen Cook, Director, Capitol Area Community Ministries, kcook@wocumc.org [Sign up here](#)

Stephen Ministry Workshop March 25

On Saturday, March 25, Church of the Master, Westerville, will host a Stephen Ministry Workshop from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The workshop provides a sample of what this focused caring ministry is about. Churches who may wish to consider adding this program are invited. Other churches that already have a Stephen Ministry program are also invited to send prospective Stephen Ministers to get a glimpse of the training and process. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Refreshments will be served. Click [here](#) for more information and registration.



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

Classifieds

Help Wanted

[Intern – Youth group and Music/Worship leader, Chatham UMC](#)

[Part-time Accounts Payable Clerk, West Ohio Conference](#)

[Part-time Accounts Receivable Clerk, West Ohio Conference](#)

[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](#)

Piano available

Antique upright Singer piano with a rich history, available for FREE to a Capitol Area District Church who will continue to love it. Located in Dublin in a ground floor apartment, must be moved out by the church before March 31. Contact Jerry Stine, 614-441-5470.