



***New this week: Annual Conference registration opens March 1; Ohio National Guard Clergy Day; Drum Set for Sale; Community Screening of "An Act of Love" at North Broadway UMC March 11***

## **News, Trainings and Events**

### **Human Trafficking Awareness Luncheon February 27**

Church of the Messiah, 51 N. State St., Westerville, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. Keynote Speaker is Judge Paul Herbert, Franklin County Municipal Court, on his C.A.T.C.H. court program. Judge Paul Herbert developed C.A.T.C.H. Court (Changing Actions to Change Habits), a unique jail diversion program offering women victimized by human trafficking the chance to exit lives marked by trauma, homelessness, substance abuse and incarceration. C.A.T.C.H. Court works to meet the complex needs of recovering women and fosters a healthy and safe environment for learning and restoration. In 2015, Judge Herbert received the U.S. Dept. of Justice award for his efforts in combating the human trafficking cycle. Cost: \$10.00 plus ticket fees [Registration information](#) RSVP by February 25,



### **Supercharge 2016: A Conference for Men Building Faith Saturday, February 27**

8:00 am - 2:30 pm at Armstrong Chapel UMC, 5125 Drake Road, Cincinnati, 45243

At Super Charge 2016, you're going to experience what it is like Playing for an Undefeated Coach. You'll hear from men who are playing for this coach, Jesus Christ, right now. They'll share with you the secret to winning life. You can learn more about speakers and [Register Here](#)



### **Circles of Grace Part 2: Exploring Scripture February 28**

Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 – 6:30 pm at Bexley UMC, 2657 E. Broad St., Columbus, 43209.

In September, 2015, more than 900 laity and clergy participated in a *Circles of Grace* conversation focused on human sexuality in The United Methodist Church. The feedback indicated a desire to continue the dialogue and explore how the Bible can inform our conversations. **Circles of Grace Part 2: Exploring Scripture** will be an opportunity to participate in small group conversation with our sisters and brothers in Christ and to hear a dialogue from two of our own elders as they explore scripture together. The two presenters for this evening are Rev. Aaron Brown, Marysville First UMC, and Rev. Colleen Ogle, King Avenue UMC. The event will be simulcast across the conference. **To attend the simulcast click [here](#) to register.**

## **Annual Conference Registration Opens March 1 at 10:00 am**

Registration for Annual Conference, including housing reservations, will open on Tuesday, March 1 at 10:00 am through the West Ohio Conference website,

<http://www.westohioumc.org/conference/event/2016-annual-conference-session>.

If you need assistance with registration just contact the District Office.



## **Summer Camp Registration is Now Open!**

Visit [www.westohiocamps.com](http://www.westohiocamps.com) for more information and take a look at our camping opportunities. Please share with your congregations! Camp Otterbein Camp Wesley Camp Widewater

## **Next Generation Leadership Scholarships**

Two opportunities for undergraduate scholarships for the 2016/2017 school year: Call to Leadership and Ethnic Minority Scholarships. Submission deadline is March 15, 2016. Read more here:

<http://www.westohioumc.org/sites/all/modules/civCRM/extern/url.php?u=6669&qid=1664625>

## **Empty Pill Bottles Needed**

The West Ohio Conference United Methodist Men Love Packages Mission Project will now include collecting empty prescription pill bottles (labels removed, lids on). Just turn the empty bottles in when you turn in collected Love Packages items. The collected pill bottles will be donated to Matthew 25 Ministries located at 11060 Kenwood Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45242. See <http://m25m.org/> Or you can drop them off. Get directions to come visit them! To schedule pick up and/or delivery of donations contact, Wayne & Ruth Thomas, Love Packages Project Coordinators, 513-932-7535 Home, 937-409-1175 Cell, [thomaswayne43@hotmail.com](mailto:thomaswayne43@hotmail.com). Thank you for your continued generosity of new/used Christian Materials for this Mission Project, and looking forward to donations of empty prescription pill bottles. See [www.lovepackages.org](http://www.lovepackages.org) for more information. Leo Sholl

## **Charitable Pharmacy Open House March 2**

11:00 am – 1:30 pm at the Charitable Pharmacy, Livingston UMC, 200 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus. Included will be brief presentations, a luncheon and tours of the pharmacy where you'll learn about the Charitable Pharmacy's ongoing ministry to help our vulnerable neighbors. The Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio is an Advance Special of the West Ohio Conference and is located in the Livingston United Methodist Church. The pharmacy provides medications and pharmacy services at no charge for uninsured and underinsured individuals in Franklin County. Since opening its doors in 2010, the pharmacy has served 4,800 individuals, filling more than 284,000 prescriptions for a market value of more than \$22 million. This is a unique opportunity to peek behind the scenes at the ministry, which works to make a difference right here at home. Seating is limited and reservations are required. RSVP [here](#).

## Alpha Conversations begins March 2

The meaning of life is ... ? Have an opinion? Want to find out? Want to figure it out with others who have questions? Consider joining us for Alpha - a safe place to ask questions about faith. We'll meet Wednesdays beginning March 2, from 7:30 - 9 pm, at Grandview Grind (1423-A Grandview Ave, 43212). Childcare provided. Coffee, tea, and great conversation on us. [kwheat@trinityumchurch.com](mailto:kwheat@trinityumchurch.com)

## Child Nutrition Programs Training and Vendor Show March 8

You're invited to the Child Nutrition Programs Training and Vendor Show. Join us and network with statewide vendors and receive free trainings on the programs offered by the Ohio Department of Education's Office for Child Nutrition. Space is limited to 350 attendees. There are 3 time slots (10,11,1:45) with 3-5 different sessions to choose from. **Registration ends March 1<sup>st</sup>. March 8, 2016, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**, The Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 N High St., Columbus, OH 43215 To register use this link: [https://oh.cnpus.com/crrs/Training/Training\\_ContactInfo.aspx](https://oh.cnpus.com/crrs/Training/Training_ContactInfo.aspx)

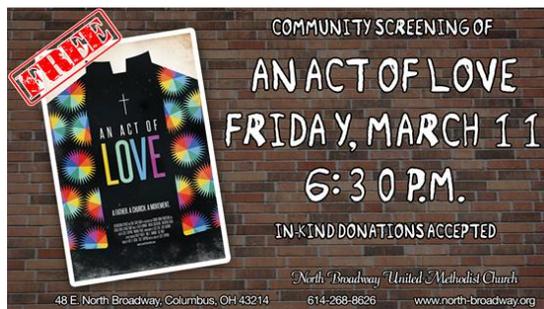
- Save your information, then look for trainings beginning with GCCC- 3/8
- Click on the session and hit enroll. You will have to do this for each person attending.

Sponsored by the Ohio Department of Education. If you have any questions please contact Stephanie Bassham at (614)466-7956 or [Stephanie.Bassham@education.ohio.gov](mailto:Stephanie.Bassham@education.ohio.gov).

## Ohio National Guard Clergy Day March 10

At the Prairies Chapel Religious Education Facility, 682 Chapel Lane, Dayton, OH 45433

When: March 10, 2015 8:30 am – 1:30 pm. It takes a team—in order to best care for the spiritual needs of the Active Duty, Reserve, Guard, and Civilian Airmen across our region we need to work hand in hand. This is a time designed to learn from one another, problem solve, and create a powerful system that cares deeply and leaves no one behind. RSVP by March 4<sup>th</sup> [here](#)



## "An Act of Love" Community Screening March 11

The debate over same-sex marriage has reached a point where it threatens to irreparably divide the Church. In May of this year, the United Methodist Church will meet again for their General Conference, where the rules about same-sex marriage and LGBTQ clergy will again be debated. After over four decades of protest from LGBTQ Methodists and their allies, will 2016 finally be the year that the Church changes their stance on this issue? Or will it be the year that the UMC irreparably divides? As the third largest Christian denomination in the United States, which direction the UMC takes could have ripple effects throughout the entire Christian community, in the US and the world. "An Act of Love" is the story of Rev. Frank Schaefer and his family, and it will undoubtedly have an impact on this discussion. The community of North Broadway United Methodist Church invites you to join us for a free community screening of "An Act of Love"—a story of family, faith, and love—on Friday, March 11, 2016 at 6:30 P.M.

North Broadway UMC is located at 48 E. North Broadway, Columbus OH 43214, [www.north-broadway.org](http://www.north-broadway.org) or call 614-268-8626 [Read more](#)

### **Opiate Crisis Summit March 23**

The March 23 Franklin County Opiate Crisis Summit is offering a free session for clergy to learn about the heroin epidemic in Franklin County and to explore possibilities for faith based engagement in prevention and intervention. This epidemic crosses all demographic groups and heroin deaths now exceed auto accidents as the leading cause of accidental death. If you would like to learn more, please email The Rev. Nancy Day-Achauer at [nancypda@gmail.com](mailto:nancypda@gmail.com) for an invite to the summit.

### **Holy Week Services [link](#)**

### **TARRP: From Charity to Changing Lives – April 9th at John Stewart UMC**

Enabling others is part of the disadvantage of charity. Learn how to move beyond enabling to help improve and change lives. Dr. Mike Linger will present how toxic, demeaning, and dependent charity can be and how the House of the Carpenter helps with immediate needs, yet moves people beyond receiving basic charity toward changing lives. Rev. Debra Ketcham will also share a format which has improved and changed lives in amazing ways. Each participant will come away with specific ways to shift away from charity to being 'change agents' which improve lives. Cost is \$20.00/person or \$15.00/per person with three or more from the same church/charge. Find brochures here or contact [revdsk@frontier.com](mailto:revdsk@frontier.com) or 614-580-2382. Deadline is March 28th.

### **MTSO sponsors Thrive: Ministry in the New Millennium conference April 10 and 11 in Pittsburgh**

MTSO and the Western Pennsylvania Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry are primary sponsors of Thrive: Ministry in the New Millennium, offering pastors and church leaders new perspectives and tangible ways to enhance 21st century ministry. The conference will be held April 10 and 11 at the Hilton Garden Inn Pittsburgh/Southpointe in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania. Registration is open for the conference, with early-bird rates starting at \$199 through Feb. 28. One continuing education unit is available to each participant. Online registration and conference details are at [www.thrive2016.us](http://www.thrive2016.us).

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## ***Classifieds***

**Positions Available** - Details are available at <http://www.capitolareanorth.org/classifieds/>

**Part-time Children's Ministry Director**, Church of the Saviour

**Nutritional Director, Site Director, Servant Leader Interns** for Freedom School, Summit UMC

**Part-time Financial Administrator**, Jerome UMC

**Part-time Director of Youth Ministry**, Crossroads UMC

**Drum Set for Sale** Includes everything but bass head and cymbal. New Albany UMC,  
[lyndseyacasey@gmail.com](mailto:lyndseyacasey@gmail.com)