

West Ohio Conference Capitol Area North



New this week: Prayer Request; 5K Walk/Run to end Hunger; MTSO hosts institute on Organizing and Preaching for Social Justice; new Advance Special Designation applications due April 15; 'Creating a Legacy' seminar April 16; 5K to reduce Infant Mortality; Society of St. Andrew free VBS materials; Deacon Formation event scheduled; Accompanist needed at Lily Chapel UMC in London, OH and Interim Accompanist/Organist and Interim Choir Director needed at Grace UMC in Zanesville, OH

Prayer Requests

Prayers of Sympathy to **Rev. Joe Ziraldo**, Marion Crosswood UMC, on the loss of his mother Rosemary this week. [Obituary](#) Condolences may be sent to Joe at 1548 Canterbury Rd., Marion, Ohio, 43302.

News, Trainings and Events



Annual Conference Registration Now Open

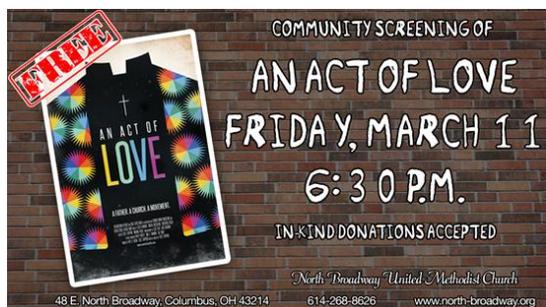
Register through the West Ohio Conference website,
<http://www.westohioumc.org/conference/event/2016-annual-conference-session>.
If you need assistance with registration just contact the District Office.

Housing Available at Lakeside for 2016 Annual Conference

Do you need a place to stay at Lakeside? There is a room available for West Ohio Annual Conference 2016 at 415 Oak in a 3 bedroom (2 upstairs), and 1 bathroom (downstairs) cottage. Some flexibility as to single or double bed, and upstairs or downstairs room. Weekly room rental is \$325. Contact Rev. Kenn Barton 740-924-6028.

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/civicrm/extern/url.php?u=6669&qid=1664625>



“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 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 for an invite to the summit.



Holy Week Services [link](#)

Hangry 5K Walk/Run to End Hunger April 2

To benefit the Heart to Heart Food Pantry and Community Development for All People. At Highbanks Metro Park (participants and volunteers needed) April 2nd, 9:00am [Information](#)

Join us to promote health in your local congregation! Starts April 4

You will learn about the Theological Basis of Health Ministries, Setting up a Congregational Health Ministry, Nutrition and Staying Active, Congregational Education Resources, Health System Navigation, Supporting Congregants with Addiction Issues, and Medical Decision Making and End of Life Planning. This training will be held at Church for All People on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00pm from April 4 – MAY 9, 2016. This training is meant for congregational volunteers or staff who want to learn more about promoting health in their faith community. No medical background is required (but it's OK if you have one!!) For more information and to register please contact Rev. Kristin Langstraat, OhioHealth System, Director for Faith Community Relations at kristin.langstraat@ohiohealth.com or 614-544-4071.

MTSO hosts Institute on Organizing and Preaching for Social Justice April 4

MTSO will host a day devoted to equipping and inspiring faith and nonprofit leaders, community organizers, and activists for prophetic ministry. The event, Prophetic Ministry – Institute on Organizing and Preaching for Social Justice, will be held April 4 on the MTSO campus, 8:00 am – 6:30 pm. The day will feature workshops with five activist scholars. A \$50 registration fee covers all sessions, including lunch and dinner, and provides one continuing education unit. Advance registration is required and additional information is available at www.mtso.edu/prophetic.

When Kids Come Out” – A Four-Session Class for Parents of LGBT Children starts April 6

When a child comes out to his/her/their family, it often raises many questions for both the child and for the family. For example:

- What does it mean for the family when a child comes out to his/her/their parents?
- What does it mean for the parents' relationship to their church?
- What does it mean for the parents' own faith?
- How do parents navigate their own “coming out” after their children have come out to them?

These questions are among those that will be addressed in the four-session class that will be held on Wednesday evenings from April 6 through April 27 at the Hilliard United Methodist Church. The meetings will begin at 7:00 pm and conclude by 8:30 pm. The church is located at 5445 Scioto Darby Road, Hilliard. Parking is available at the church. Look for signs directing you to “Kids Coming Out” class at the church in the Sanctuary Building.

The Rev. Jim Waugh, retired pastor in the West Ohio Conference, will lead the group. Jim and his wife, Carol, have an adult daughter, Lisa, who came out to them several years ago. If you have questions or need more information, please feel free to email Jim: jwaugh3@mac.com.

Empowered to Connect Simulcast April 8 - 9

April 8-9, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm at Scioto Ridge UMC, 4343 Dublin Rd., Hilliard 43026. Cost: \$25.00
When children have been through trauma-high risk/high stress pregnancies or births, time in the NICU, childhood illnesses, divorce, exposure to violence, abuse, learning disabilities, insecurities, emotional disturbances and more-they struggle to trust and find safety. This impacts their behavior in the home, school, and community. Our role is to connect with children in healthy ways that help them heal and grow into the people God created them to be. **Learn more...** Questions? Contact Todd Richards todd@srumc.org

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 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.

Lecture offers a perspective from Pakistan on Christian-Muslim relations

April 13

The Rev. Canon Dr. Titus Presler will give the 12th Annual Lecture on World Religions and Interreligious Dialogue, sponsored by the Theological Consortium of Greater Columbus. The topic is “Challenges and Opportunities in Christian-Muslim Relations: A Perspective from Pakistan.” The lecture begins at 7:00 pm April 13 at All Saints Episcopal Church, 5101 Johnstown Road in New Albany. It is free and open to the public. No registration is required. Presler specializes in the interaction of gospel and cultures, Christian-Muslim relations, and Christianity in Africa and south Asia. He has taught at Episcopal Divinity School, Harvard Divinity School and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Advance Special Designation Applications Due April 15

There’s still time, but time is moving fast, to apply for the West Ohio Conference Advance Special designation. Applications are due no later than April 15, just a little over a month away. Join the ministries of the Charitable Pharmacy, Shalom Zone, Dayton St. Paul’s, Church and Community Development for All People, Wesley Chapel Mission, Horizon Prison Initiative and Kindway Prison Ministry in this unique program. Open to local and regional United Methodist ministries within the Conference borders that are led by United Methodists, but have multiple sources already of support. The conference advance designation provides the ministry the opportunity to connect with local congregations to raise friends and funds across the Annual Conference. Without WO-CAS designation such opportunities would only be possible with the formal approval of the West Ohio Annual Conference gathering each June. Here’s the link to the Advance Special application, which must be completed and returned by April 15. If you know of a ministry that might qualify let them know about this unique opportunity to connect with local churches throughout our conference.

If you have questions contact Dave Boling, Joy Perry or George Cooper at the Conference office.

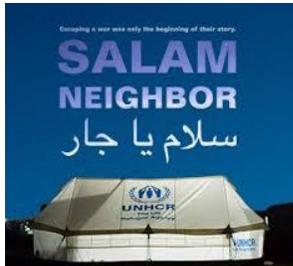
<http://www.westohioumc.org/conference/annual-conference-advance-special-trial>

Creating a Legacy Seminar April 16

Does your church have a legacy-building plan designed to equip your future ministry? Join us for a seminar dedicated to helping you understand why the development of a proactive planned giving program is essential to your future. Held at the West Ohio Conference Center, Saturday, April 16th 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. [Information](#) and Registration.

Columbus International 5K for Infant Mortality at Genoa Park April 16

Run to help reduce infant mortality. April 16th at 5:00 pm [Brochure](#)



Documentary on the Syrian Refugee Crisis April 22

At Amlin UMC, 5441 Cosgray Rd., Dublin, OH April 22nd at 7:00 pm. Today, we are in the midst of the largest human migration in history due to the refugee crisis in Syria. An estimated 9 million Syrians have fled their homes since the outbreak of civil war in March 2011. "Salam Neighbor," is a documentary made by two Americans. They travel to the edge of war, just seven miles from the Syrian border, to live among 85,000 uprooted refugees in Jordan's Za'atari camp. As the first filmmakers allowed by the United Nations to register and set up a tent inside a refugee camp, Zach and Chris meet Um Ali, a woman struggling to overcome personal loss and cultural barriers. They befriend the street smart 10-year-old Raouf, whose trauma during the civil war in Syria hides just beneath his smile. Zach and Chris find inspiring stories among people trying to rebuild their lives. As Christians, we are called to love our neighbors. There is no fine print specifying only neighbors who look or act like us. Part of loving our neighbors is to understand them. Lately we have been inundated with fear mongering commentary coming at us from all directions. This leaves us wondering - who are these refugees? Should we be afraid? Why can't they just stay in the refugee camps until the fighting is over? Amlin UMC hopes to help answer some of these questions with a screening of "Salam Neighbor". The United Methodist Church tagline is "Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors." Let's put that motto into action and open our hearts, our minds, and maybe even our doors.

Society of St. Andrew Free VBS Resources [additional information](#)

Deacon Formation Event November 2 [Information](#) and registration

Classifieds

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

Interim Choir Director and Organist/Accompanist, Grace UMC, Zanesville, OH

Accompanist, Lily Chapel UMC, London, OH

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

Part-time Financial Administrator, Jerome UMC

Drum Set for Sale Includes everything but bass head and cymbal. New Albany UMC,
lyndseyacasey@gmail.com