

## West Ohio Conference Capitol Area North



***New this week: Blue Grass Benefit Concert at Trinity UMC Saturday; Church Revitalization and New Church Start Grants available; Children's Ministry Network Meeting April 20; Webinar for Missions Training; ERT training at Hilliard UMC;***

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### **News, Trainings and Events**

#### **Blue Grass Benefit Concert at Trinity UMC this Saturday**

Trinity UMC, 1581 Cambridge Blvd., Columbus. Doors open at 7:00 pm. Admission by donation, suggested \$10 minimum. Food and beverages available for purchase. Benefiting New Life UMC Community Outreach.

#### **Harry Denman Award Nominees Sought**

The West Ohio Annual Conference is now accepting nominations for **The Harry Denman Evangelism Award** for Clergy, Lay, and Youth. The Harry Denman Evangelism Awards honor United Methodists in each Annual Conference whose exceptional ministry of evangelism – expressed in Word (what), Sign (why), and Deed (how), that brings people into a life transforming relationship with Jesus Christ. Each year Annual Conferences join The Foundation for Evangelism to recognize one youth, one clergy, and one lay person in their conference. To nominate someone [print the attached nomination form](#), complete, and return to the West Ohio Conference, attn: Grace Gerber by April 25, 2016, to be considered for the 2016 awards.

#### **Church Revitalization and New Church Start Grants due June 1**

Click these links for the application forms for the West Ohio Conference, [2017 New Church Start grants](#), and the [2017 Revitalization/Capacity grants](#). Due date for these applications are June 1, 2016

#### **Concert of Prayer for Conferences April 17**

On Sunday, April 17, at 6:30 pm they will be hosting a prayer service at Church of the Master UM (24 N Grove St, Westerville, OH 43081) for the upcoming conferences setting policy and electing leaders for the United Methodist Church. Come and help cover the delegates for General and Jurisdictional conferences in prayer. Contact Ann Peat ([annpeat@columbus.rr.com](mailto:annpeat@columbus.rr.com)) with any questions.



## **Professional Association of UM Church Secretaries Spring Conference April 19**

*Communicating Faith in the 21st Century and Are You Spiritually Tired Out, or Fired Up?*

Join other church secretaries/business administrators/administrative assistants for the annual PAUMC Spring workshop on April 19, 2016 at the West Ohio Conference Center, 32 Wesley Blvd., Worthington  
[Workshop information](#) [Online Registration](#) PAUMCS [Membership Form](#)

## **CAN/CAS Children's Ministry Network April 20**

Open to all lay and paid staff who lead children's ministries within the local church. Join us every third Wednesday of the month for a time of resourcing, support, and prayer as we share together this journey of bringing children into a deeper relationship with Christ. Our next meeting is Wednesday April 20 at Whole Foods at 3670 W Dublin Granville Road at 12 noon. This month's topic will be VBS so bring your ideas, resources, and needs so that we can best equip one another for a great summer. For more information contact, Rev. Karen Brantley at [kbrantley@trinityumchurch.com](mailto:kbrantley@trinityumchurch.com) or 614-488-0695

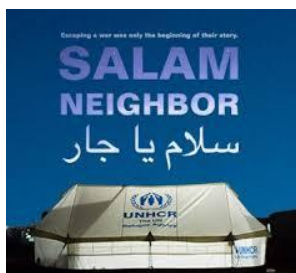
## **MTSO Earth Day observance April 20**

MTSO will observe Earth Day two days early with a faculty lecture by Timothy Van Meter, MTSO associate professor of Christian education and youth ministry. The lecture, "Millennial Dreaming: Cultivating Hope and Ecological Vision," begins at 1 pm April 20 in the Alford Centrum on the MTSO campus. It is free and open to the public. Immediately following the lecture, all those in attendance are invited to gather for the ceremonial planting of fruit trees at Seminary Hill Farm, the USDA-certified organic farm on the MTSO campus. Those who wish are welcome to help in the planting. The fruit trees are a gift of the graduating class of 2015. The lecture will be preceded by a noon lunch in Dunn Dining Hall, featuring fresh, locally sourced food, including produce from Seminary Hill Farm. The price of the lunch is \$5.

## **Heart of the City Foundation Hosts "Sowing Seeds of Justice" with Phil Moots**

### **April 21**

Thursday, April 31, 5:30 - 7:30 pm at Columbus State Community College, Workforce Development Center Auditorium, 315 Cleveland Ave., Columbus [Ticket information](#)



## **Documentary on the Syrian Refugee Crisis April 22**

At Amlin UMC, 5441 Cosgray Rd., Dublin, OH April 22nd at 7:00 pm. "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. 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.

## **Clergy and Laity Spiritual Formation Retreat April 25 and 26**

Led by Rev. Dwight Judy, Monday at 1:00 pm – Tuesday afternoon, at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, 2365 Saint Johns Rd., Maria Stein, OH [Information](#) [Registration](#)

## **You and I Live in Different Worlds – Will it get in the Way? April 29 and 30**

Did you grow up wealthy, low-income, or in the middle? Join together on Friday, April 29 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm, and Saturday, April 30, from 8:00 am – 12:00 noon, at Harlem Road UMC, 5520 Harlem Road, Galena, for this free event to learn things such as:

- identifying the hidden rules of economic classes
- the stereotypes around poverty
- the myth of “choices” and economic class
- spiritual formation within churches and community organizations
- “a church is not well until a community is well”
- moving from Martha ministries to Mary ministries
- creating sustainable, missional ministries
- introducing practical tools for ministry offered by Eric Law, Ruby Payne, and Family Promise

Led by Rev. Elizabeth Rand. Reservations requested, 740-965-4543 or [office@harlemroadchurch.org](mailto:office@harlemroadchurch.org)

## **WRFD Pastor Appreciation Breakfast May 4**

Special guest Dr. Al Mohler at the Hilton Columbus Easton. Ministry expo at 7:00 am, breakfast at 8:45 am until 11:00 am. [Registration information.](#)

## **Connect! A Webinar for Local Mission Connection May 12**

Join us for a webinar on May 12, 2016 at 1:00 PM EDT. Register now! Click on this [link](#) to register.

Join in conversation with the Executive Directors of Kindway Prison Ministries and Wesley Chapel Mission Center along with the Serve Director of Kettering Christ United Methodist Church. Kindway and Wesley Chapel are two of seven Conference Advance Special Ministries working with local churches like yours in West Ohio. Webinar Objectives: 1. Explore the work of Kindway and Wesley Chapel and the other Conference Advance Special Ministries. 2. Learn how a local church mission leader selects missions their church will work with and why. What are the best practices they follow? 3. Learn how you and your church can support these ministries through your prayers, your compassion, service and financial gifts. 4. Learn more about the Conference Advance ministries and how your church can connect with

## **Emergency Response Training May 14**

At Hilliard UMC, 5445 Scioto Darby Road, Hilliard. Information and Registration [here.](#)



## **CAN District Conference and Pre-Annual Conference Briefing and Rev. Roger Grace's Retirement Celebration May 24**

Please join us on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the work of the district and the ministry of Rev. Roger Grace. The CAN District Conference and Pre-Annual Conference Briefing will be at 6:30 pm, and Roger's retirement celebration will start at 7:30 pm at William Street UMC, 28 W. William St., Delaware OH. No RSVP necessary. **If you'd like to share a special memory or note with Roger please email or mail them to Jill Philipp at the district office, [capitolareanorth@wocumc.org](mailto:capitolareanorth@wocumc.org) by May 15.**



## You are invited to the CAN and CAS District Gathering of Clergy Spouses June 6

Monday, June 6th, 1:30—3:00 pm, hosted by Annette Lyle at 157 Lynn Street. Dues are \$5 for spouses of full-time clergy and \$3 for spouses of part-time, retired, or student pastors, and widow/widowers



### Introducing Carla Fox Chiles

Capitol Area North is pleased to announce a new service: Carla Fox Chiles will be available to work with persons in your church to discover new and exciting ways to bring faith formation opportunities to your congregation. She brings experience with and ideas for Sunday school, VBS, retreats, recruiting, special events, stewardship and a variety of other adventures. Carla earned a degree in Religious Education from Defiance College and was Director of Christian Education at both First Community Church and Trinity UMC. Her expertise is primarily with children but she works with other age groups as well. This is Capitol Area North's gift to you, so why not call to see how we can help you 'make disciples for Jesus Christ.' [Robert.chiles@wowway.com](mailto:Robert.chiles@wowway.com) 614-579-2821, CAN District Office 614-222-0602

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

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## ***Classifieds***

### **Positions Available**

[Youth Pastor, Rural Chapel UMC, Galena](#)

[Church Musician, Wesley Church of Hope](#)

[Interim Choir Director and Organist/Accompanist, Grace UMC, Zanesville, OH](#)