

West Ohio Conference

Capitol Area North



New this week: “New Americans” documentary on immigration at North Broadway UMC beginning April 26; West Ohio Camps – registration is open; UMCOR supply kits to be collected at Annual Conference; Light the Way Campaign at Annual Conference; Clergy Spouse Brunch and Perennials exchange April 29; Blessings of the Bikes and Grace Run in Logan County April 30; ERT training at Hilliard UMC May 6; Coffee with UM Community Ministries in Union County May 11; World Refugee Day film “War Dance” at Powell UMC June 24; Save the date – Watoto Reads 1st Annual Charity Golf Outing October 7; Part-time Associate Minister needed at Northwest UMC;

News, Trainings, and Events

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

District Conference and Pre-Annual Conference Briefing May 16

The CAN District Conference and briefing on Annual Conference will be held on Tuesday, May 16 at 7:00 pm at Indian Run UMC, 6305 Brand Rd., Dublin, 43016. Join us as we recognize our new provisional and full members, our retirees, and our new appointments in the district. We will also be reviewing the resolutions to be voted on at Annual Conference. Plan now to attend!

West Ohio Camps – Registration is now Open!

Please share information on summer camp opportunities with your congregation. [Camps](#)

Health Kits, School Kits, Layette Kits, Flood Buckets accepted at Annual Conference

Our conference will be accepting relief supply kits at Annual Conference. For more information on what is needed click [here](#).

Bishop Palmer Invites Us to Join in Light the Way Campaign

At Annual Conference this year, Tuesday morning worship will be of special importance as we launch the Light the Way Campaign to support the bold leap of starting new diverse worshipping communities and collaborating with congregations to extend their vitality for our mission across Ohio. I am inviting you to join me in raising at least \$200,000 in this offering. Our mission is clear - to equip local churches to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world...a world of justice, love and peace filled with people growing in the likeness of Jesus Christ. Our strategic plan guides us in reaching more people, more young people, more diverse people with the love of God through Jesus Christ. We have already made significant progress in just one year of identifying, assessing, training and preparing a new band of new church pastors. At the same time, vital congregations are reaching out in new and significant ways to those on the margins. To read more of Bishop Palmer's letter, click here.

Free Fresh Produce April 22

Embrace Church at Easton, 3035 Stelzer Rd., Columbus will be offering free fresh produce on Saturday, April 22 from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm (or until food runs out). Held rain or shine! Please bring your own bags or cart to carry your food. Contact Heather Roberts with questions, 614-216-0361.

Sunday Jazz at Crossroads UMC April 23

The Franklin Heights High School Jazz Band, Findland Middle School Jazz Band, and guests will perform at the church at 3:00 pm on Sunday, April 23. 1100 S. Hague Ave., Columbus. Donations accepted to benefit the school music programs.

“New Americans” Documentary Wednesdays beginning April 26

WOSU-TV produced a documentary called New Americans about the immigrant and refugee experience in Columbus - how immigrants and refugees are adding to our culture, supporting our economy, and reshaping the American dream. Watch an excerpt of the documentary followed by a discussion with the show's producer, Cindy Gaillard, to learn how to interact with refugees and find out how we can support our refugee community in Columbus. Then filmmaker Cindy Gaillard from WOSU TV and Elizabeth Goussetis from Community Refugee and Immigration Services (CRIS) will lead discussions on Wednesday nights throughout May to better understand the refugees and immigrants among us, discuss our own fears, concerns and misperceptions, and outline opportunities to get involved. Join us at North Broadway United Methodist Church at 6:00 pm for dinner and 6:30 pm for the program which begins Wednesday April 26th, with a showing of “New Americans” and discussion to follow. Continue the discussion, Wednesdays through May 31st. Childcare available. Contact Cindy Gaillard at skye.gaillard@gmail.com or 614-325-1745 for more information. North Broadway United Methodist Church, 48 E. North Broadway, Columbus OH 43214, 614-268-8626, www.north-broadway.org

Clergy Spouse Brunch and Perennials Exchange April 29

All CAN and CAS Clergy Spouses are invited to the Annual Brunch and Perennials Exchange on Saturday, April 29, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the home of Suzanne Sippel, 939 Highview Dr., Columbus, 43235. Please bring any perennials you would like to share (not required, but welcome), garden gloves and disposable containers for plants. Please RSVP to Suzanne at suzsippel@hotmail.com, or by phone at 614-847-5937. [Map](#)

Jesus Scholars Explore ‘Alternative Christianities’ at First Community Church April 28 and 29

Friday, April 28, 7 – 8:30 pm and Saturday, April 29, 9:30 am - 4 pm, First Community Church 1320 Cambridge Blvd., Columbus OH 43212 614-488-0681 www.FCchurch.com/jesus-seminar Spring *Spiritual Searchers* at First Community Church are Jesus Seminar Scholars Celene Lillie and Robert J. Miller, focusing on “Alternative Christianities” from the earliest days of the Jesus movement. While the traditional Christian story suggests a steady development from Jesus to Paul and on to the Church “Fathers,” over the last 150 years this story has proven false. Early Christians did not even call themselves Christian! What were these unknown Christianities like? Why were they lost? And what can we learn from texts like the Gospel of Thomas that were valued by early communities much as Christians today value the books of the New Testament? See the full weekend schedule at www.FCchurch.com/jesus-seminar.

Racial Justice Spiritual Retreat April 29

West Ohio Conference United Methodist Women are presenting a Racial Justice Spiritual Retreat featuring Key Note Speaker Reverend Karen Cook; L. Cean Wilson and Ethel Johnson with special guest Vickie Shurelds. April 29, 2017 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Check in begins at 9:30 am. At the Warehouse 839

at Hilliard UMC, 3691 Main St/ 5445 Scioto Darby Rd, Hilliard, Ohio. Registration deadline April 19, 2017. Box lunch provided, contributions accepted to cover cost of lunch. Please send your name, district, email, phone and dietary restrictions to Sylvia Kempton at kemptonss@yahoo.com

Blessing of the Bikes & Grace Run at Lewistown-Trinity UMC April 30

On April 30, Motorcycles and bicycles will be blessed at 12:30 at Lewistown-Trinity UMC, 2 miles south of Indian Lake, just off State Route 235. We begin our day with a light breakfast at 10:45 am; Contemporary Worship at 11:30 am; Blessing of Bikes at 12:30 pm followed by a Bike Run around the beautiful countryside and rolling hills of Logan County. Churches participating as stopping points for the Grace (poker) Run, to raise funds for the Logan County Homeless Shelter are: Quincy UMC, West Liberty UMC, Belle Center UMC, and Lewistown-Trinity UMC. Following the Run, Lewistown-Trinity UMC will greet the participants with smoked pork, hot dogs, sides, desserts, and beverages, and prizes. Come and enjoy a wonderful day! [Info and Flyer](#)



Denman Award Nominations 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 May 1, 2017** to be considered for the 2017 awards.



Seminary Hill Farm offers new Community Supported Agriculture options for 2017

Central Ohio fresh-food lovers will enjoy new food and location options for participation in community-supported agriculture through Methodist Theological School in Ohio's Seminary Hill Farm. Registration is now open for 2017 CSA shares, available weekly in three sessions spanning the months of May through October. This year, CSA members may choose where and when to pick up their weekly shares and will have new flexibility in assembling their weekly shares in 2017. Information and online registration are available at www.seminaryhillfarm.org.

Class on Spiritual Disciplines Offered in May

Coming Up this May: A great opportunity for lay persons and clergy. **Habits of the Heart** is an introductory 4-week class on the spiritual disciplines. This e-Course on Spiritual Disciplines sponsored by CenterQuest Lifelong Learning Community (LLC) and Living Streams Flowing Water. Registration is now Open! [Check it out](#). There are participants from around the world coming together to experience this e-

learning opportunity. Who from your church will be knit together with this rich community in the heart of God? Rev. Dr. Brenda Buckwell, Obl. OSB, Living Streams Flowing Water, LLC, 614.517.8115 brenda@livingstreamsflowingwater.com, www.livingstreamsflowingwater.com

“When Kids Come Out” a Four-Session Class for Parents of LGBT Children starts May 3

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 the child comes out to 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 a four-session class that will be held on Wednesday evenings from May 3 through May 24 at Worthington UMC, 600 High St., Worthington, 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Look for signs directing you to the class. 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. You can contact Jim with questions at jwaugh3@mac.com. [Bulletin insert.](#)

Stewardship 101 for the Smaller Church May 6

Held at Shiloh UMC, Helena, OH. [Information](#)

Early Response Training May 6

Held at Hilliard UMC on Saturday, May 6 from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. [Information](#)



Fallen Comrade Ceremony – Honor the Living May 7

Veterans, members currently serving, their families and the community are welcome! This unique ceremony honors living warriors and their resulting "Soul Injuries" from military service and/or combat experiences. Family members affected by their loved ones' service are also provided a safe place to remember. Civilians are offered a meaningful way to show support. Sunday, May 7, 2017, 3:00 – 4:30 pm at Trinity UMC, 1581 Cambridge Blvd., Columbus, Ohio, 43212 Please RSVP: <https://goo.gl/F0WkBQ>. Child care will be provided. A time for fellowship will follow.

The Gathering - A Joint Celebration of Openness and Inclusion May 7

Sunday, May 7, 2017 at the Livingston UMC, 200 E. Livingston Ave, Columbus, OH.

Join us on May 7th for another gathering of West Ohio Reconciling United Methodists and Friends! Laity and clergy alike are invited to hear an update from David Meredith, share fellowship, and hear another testimony about the significance of the reconciling work we do as community. Details: Sunday, May 7th, 3:00 - 5:00 pm at Livingston United Methodist Church, 200 E. Livingston Ave, Columbus. Childcare is provided. RSVP not necessary.

Union County Coffee with Community Ministries May 11

Church pastors and laity are invited for a time of coffee and conversation around visioning for mission and ministry in the Union County area, and how Capitol Area Community Ministries can partner with you. We welcome everyone from our Union County churches and the surrounding area to join us for this informal time of visioning and dreaming. Thursday, May 11 at 10:00 am at the Fifth Street Café, 117 E. 5th St., Marysville. [Register here](#).

Spring Fling at Messiah UMC May 13

Church of the Messiah invites the community to a great event they are hosting in the parking lot at 74 N. State St., The Gathering Place, on Saturday, May 13 beginning at 11 am and continuing until 1 pm. Messiah's "Spring Fling" takes the place of their annual Egg Hunt and will include all kinds of free, family-friendly events like face painting, carnival games, cotton candy and other tasty food, and a Video Game Truck from **Mr. Game Room** – video party on wheels! So much fun you won't want to miss this great day in Uptown Westerville! At 1:00 we are especially excited to bring **Real Encounter** to Westerville – as seen nationally on **America's Got Talent**. Unlike anything you would usually see in Uptown Westerville, Real Encounter brings thrilling motocross and BMX Stunt Bikes to the parking lot to engage your entire family. Call us for any questions or further information at 614-882-2167 or contact Rev. Kathy Currier at kcurrier@messiahumc.net.

Honoring Mothers on Mother's Day

Mother's Day is a special day to honor mothers and grandmothers, but it also can be a painful day for many women. Some women struggle to get pregnant or to carry children to term. Others may have lost children during the previous year. There are even women who are struggling with their roles as mothers, while some women (and men) have recently lost their own mothers. For those who already are experiencing pain, this day of celebration can make things worse. So, how can the church appropriately honor mothers while also respecting the feelings of other people in the congregation? [Read more](#)



Rx Riders May 20

Please plan to join us on Saturday, May 20, for the first-ever Rx Riders. All proceeds will go to purchase breathing medication and inhalers for low-income individuals and families in Franklin County. Riders can choose from a 25-mile or 50-mile trek through the bike paths of German Village and downtown Columbus. Registration is \$35 and all participants are encouraged to invite support from friends, co-workers and family. We'll give you all the tools you need to meet your own personal fundraising goal. To sign up, email melanie.charitablepharmacy@gmail.com and put "Bike Ride" in the email subject line to get started now!

Reentry COPE Simulation at Annual Conference June 5

This year at Annual Conference immerse yourself in the post-release challenges and suffering that is present in the lives of the imprisoned and their families. Join us on Monday, June 5th, at 8:00am for the Reentry COPE Simulation, a powerful learning experience you won't forget. Are you looking for a way to mobilize more of your members into authentic relationship with people impacted by incarceration and marginalization? Reentry COPE is an easy and engaging first step. This is a "must do" experience for lay leaders, mission teams, Freedom School coordinators, prison/jail ministers, and social justice advocates

who want to make a greater impact in the lives touch through your church's ministries. Please Note: The Reentry COPE Simulation is open to the **first 50 people** who register and begins promptly at 8:00 am. Please be seated and ready to engage by 7:50 am. Look for registration details coming out soon! Click [here](#) to check out the Reentry COPE video.

EXPLORE Institute for High School Juniors and Seniors June 12 – 17

Do you know a high school student who would benefit from a spiritually-grounded, academically-solid week exploring God's Call for their life? Ohio Wesleyan University, in partnership with Lilly Endowment, Inc., will be holding a week-long Theology Institute for Protestant and Catholic youth who are rising high school junior and seniors. This institute is called EXPLORE: Faith, Service, and Calling and will be held June 12 – 17, 2017. A copy of the nomination form and additional information can be found at www.owu.edu/EXPLORE, or explore@owu.edu, 740-368-3091.

World Refugee Day: Documentary Film "War Dance" shown at Powell UMC June 24

Saturday, June 24 at 7:00 pm at Powell UMC, 825 E. Olentangy St., Powell, OH. War Dance is the tragic and triumphant story of Ugandan refugee children, who, thanks to the school in their refugee camp, become the pride of their tribe, their region, and even their country. www.wardancethemovie.com Popcorn, water and soda will be served. Admission is free; donations to build schools in refugee camps in Chad, Africa will be appreciated. Sponsored by www.watotoread.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.

Save the Date! Watato Reads 1st Annual Charity Golf Outing October 7

Will be held at Bent Tree Golf Club in Sunbury, Ohio. Contact Rev. Claudine Leary for information, cleary@mtso.edu.

2017 All People Conference: Rise Up and Build! October 21 - 23

Key Note Speakers include Bishop John R. Schol from the New Jersey Episcopal Area; Rev Junius B. Dotson, General Secretary, Discipleship Ministries; and Rev. Olu Brown, leader, author, visionary and lead Pastor at Impact Church. [Information.](#)

Classifieds

Help Wanted

[Part-time Associate Minister, Northwest UMC](#)

[Finance Manager, North Broadway UMC](#)

[Office Administrator, Indian Run UMC](#)

[Custodian/Building Manager, Indian Run UMC](#)

[Youth Pastor, Indian Run UMC](#)

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

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

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