

# West Ohio Conference

## Capitol Area North



**New this week:** Remember that the CAN District Conference and Pre-Conference Briefing is this coming Tuesday, May 16 at 7:00 pm at Indian Run UMC; Part-time Office Administrator needed at Church of the Master; Free Children's Concert May 28 at Maple Grove UMC; Bring your 10# bags of potatoes to Annual Conference for the UM Men Meals for Millions campaign; Rev. Adam Hamilton to Preach at First Community Church May 21; Part-time Director of Worship needed at Northwest UMC;

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## **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!

#### **Find-a-Pastor Listings**

Please use [this link](#) to verify that the 'Find a Pastor' feature includes the address, phone and email that you want displayed. Contact the [district office](#) if you'd like your information updated.



#### **2018 Church Revitalization/Capacity Building Grant Applications Available**

Grant applications can be found [here](#) and are due **July 1**.

#### **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](mailto:kcurrier@messiahumc.net).



### **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](mailto:melanie.charitablepharmacy@gmail.com) and put "Bike Ride" in the email subject line to get started now!

### **Adam Hamilton to Preach at First Community Church May 21**

The Rev. Adam Hamilton, Senior Pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, will preach at First Community Church, 1320 Cambridge Boulevard, Columbus, Sunday, May 21, 11:00 am, at the installation service for First Community's new Senior Minister, Rev. Dr. R. Glen Miles. Ordained in the Disciples of Christ (Christian) Church, Dr. Miles comes to First Community Church after serving 13 years as senior minister at County Club Christian Church in Kansas City, Missouri. Rev. Hamilton and Dr. Miles became close clergy colleagues and personal friends during their time together in the Kansas City area.

### **Retired Ministers Luncheon May 25**

The purpose of our times together as the Central Ohio Fellowship of Retired United Methodist Clergy and Spouses is mutual support, fellowship, and learning. Invite another pastor or clergy spouse to join us. An excellent program is scheduled for our next luncheon which will be Thursday, May 25 at 11:30 am at **MCL Cafeteria** in Kingsdale Shopping Center, 3154 Kingsdale Center, Upper Arlington, OH 43221. When you arrive, go through the serving line then bring your meal to the adjacent separate dining room immediately opposite the serving line, and we will eat together. After lunch, our program will be from Dorothy Croy, widow of Rev. Bill Croy, Jr. who was a friend to many of us. Bill died in January 2015 from ALS. His book of reflections while dealing with ALS has just been published and Dorothy will speak about the book and her experiences with Bill. The book is already in short supply but she will have a few copies available for sale if you'd like to purchase one. The title is *Giving WINGS to Thoughts* published by Fairway Press. Proceeds go to help find a cure for ALS. This will be an inspirational and insightful program as Dorothy speaks of her journey with Bill. If you have any questions about our fellowship luncheons, please don't hesitate to call Bill or Emma Lee Tolliver, 614-267-6556 or 614-620-6556, or me 614-361-2435. Blessings always, Philip Brooks

### **Children's Concert at Maple Grove UMC May 28**

Free Concert for Children Featuring Two-time Grammy-nominated Justin Roberts & the Not Ready for Napttime Trio. All are welcome—invite your friends and family! Sunday May 28, 2017, Pre-show 3:00 pm - games, crafts, bounce house! Concert is at 4:00 pm. If you are interested in sponsoring this free family event, Contact Dawn Nauman, [dnauman@maplegroveumc.org](mailto:dnauman@maplegroveumc.org) for sponsorship opportunities.



## **Annual Conference 2017: Be Not Afraid**

The Book of Reports is now available [online](#).

**New to Annual Conference?** Click [here](#) for information.

**Annual Conference Agenda** [information](#)

**Clergy Session** is Monday 8:00 am – 10:00 am at Hoover Auditorium. Registration is not required, check-in prior to Clergy Session to receive your name tag and other important information.

**Lay Member Workshops** Monday 8:00 am – 10:00 am [information](#)

**Family Connect Events** [information](#)

## **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](#).

## **Meals for Millions - Bring your Potatoes!**

The UM Men are accepting 10 pound bags of potatoes at annual conference this year. The Meals for Millions Truck will be just outside the West Gate in front of Otterbein North Shore; just drop your potatoes off and we will see they get into a bin in the truck.

## **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 worshiping 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](#).

### Capitol Area North Clergy Spouse Gathering June 5

The CAN and CAS Clergy Spouses are invited to a gathering and fellowship on Monday, June 5, 9:30 am-11:00 am, 157 Lynn Street. Light refreshments will be served.

### 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.

### West Ohio Fellowship of Local Pastors and Associate Members Luncheon June 6

Join us at Wesley Lodge in the North room for lunch on Tuesday June 6, 12:00 pm. Cost is \$12.00. Register and pay online [here](#). Deadline for lunch reservation is **May 12**. We will hear from Rev. Dr. Ned Dewire who is Director of Religious Life at Lakeside. He will share about an upcoming FLPAM joint retreat with East Ohio and West Ohio scheduled for early August. We will also be discussing the dreams of hosting our own retreat early 2018. Come join us for lunch! Todd Wallace-West Ohio Fellowship Lead Team Captain and Dave Weaver-West Ohio Fellowship Board of Ministry Representative

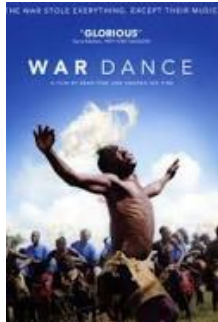
### All In Community Breakfast June 7

Wednesday, June 7, 7:30 – 8:30 am, Hotel Lakeside Fern Room. Through All In Community, we are living into John Wesley's belief that ministry in prison was one of the few messages Jesus explicitly commanded. Today, we are collaborating across West Ohio to expand our presence with people caught up in incarceration, reentry, victimization, and their families. Come celebrate our *All In!* effort. In addition, guest speaker Rev. Amelia Boomershine, author of *A Breath of Fresh Air: Biblical Storytelling with Prisoners*, will provide insight on engaging relationships that lead to healing and reconciliation in local jails, prisons, and church communities. We will share ministry highlights that embrace our neighbors in prison and in our communities. We'll explore opportunities to open our arms wider and support life transformation more deeply. [Registration](#).

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## **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](http://www.owu.edu/EXPLORE), or [explore@owu.edu](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.watotoread.com).



## **CAN District Picnics July 15 and 16**

Save the Date! Rev. Linda Middelberg will host the District at her home for summer picnics on Saturday, July 15 from 3:00 – 7:00 pm and again on Sunday, July 16 from 4:00 – 7:00 pm. More details will follow!

## **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.

## **Fall Lay Servant Ministry Classes Announced**

September 22 and 23 – Spiritual Gifts Advanced Course at Centenary UMC  
September 23 - Basic Course at Centenary UMC

November 17 and 18 – Leading Worship Advanced Course, location TBA  
More details will follow.

### **Save the Date! Watoto Reads 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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.](#)

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## ***Classifieds***

### **Help Wanted**

[Part-time Director of Worship, Northwest UMC](#)

[Part-time Office Administrator, Church of the Master UMC](#)

[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](#)

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

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