



***New this week:*** Video tribute to Rev. Roger Grace; Information on Annual Conference; Missionary Esther Gitobu from Cambodia to visit the CAN District on June 29; Worship Leader needed at Church of the Good Shepherd; Ministry Coordinator needed at New Life UMC

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## **News, Trainings and Events**

### **General Conference Information Sessions Scheduled**

We have scheduled the following information sessions around the District so that our delegates to General Conference can share with us more about what happens there this week. Delegates will share their observations followed by a time for questions and answers. Please invite your congregations to attend the session that is the most convenient for them.

Franklin County - **Wednesday, June 15**, 7:00 pm at **Maple Grove UMC**, 7 W. Henderson Rd., Columbus  
Mr. Bill Brownson and Rev. Dee Stickley-Miner, presenters

Union County - **Monday, June 20**, 7:00 pm at **Marysville First UMC**, 207 S. Court St., Marysville  
Mrs. Kathy Rohrs and Rev. Dee Stickley-Miner, presenters

Logan County - **Tuesday, June 21**, 7:00 pm at **Bellefontaine First UMC**, 201 N. Main St., Bellefontaine  
Mr. Phil Moots and Rev. Roger Grace, presenters

Delaware County - **Tuesday, June 21**, 7:00 pm at **Lewis Center UMC**, 1081 Lewis Center Rd., Lewis Center

Rev. Amy Aspey and Mrs. Kathy Rohrs, presenters

Marion County - **Wednesday, June 22**, 7:00 pm at **Prospect Street UMC**, 185 S. Prospect St., Marion  
Rev. Roger Grace and Rev. Karen Cook, presenters

Franklin County - **Thursday, June 23**, 7:00 pm at **Stonybrook UMC**, 485 Cherry Bottom Rd., Gahanna  
Rev. Curnell Graham and Mr. Bill Brownson, presenters

### **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



**Video Tribute to Rev. Roger Grace**

Our thanks to those of you who attended the CAN District Conference and Roger's retirement celebration this week. Here is a link to a video celebrating his years of ministry, produced by his son Rev. Ryan Grace. Enjoy! [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OY6hR5qjB\\_8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OY6hR5qjB_8)

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## Annual Conference 2016

You can find additional information on Annual Conference through this link, then through the menu on the left side of the page: <http://www.westohioumc.org/ac/2016>.

Welcome video: <http://www.westohioumc.org/ac/2016/prior-annual-conference-2016>.

Arriving and Checking In: <http://www.westohioumc.org/ac/2016/arriving-checking-2016>

What to Expect: <http://www.westohioumc.org/ac/2016/during-annual-conference-2016>

Preparing to Leave: <http://www.westohioumc.org/ac/2016/preparing-leave-lakeside-2016>

Clergy - Note that **Clergy Session** will be held during Annual Conference this year on Monday, June 6 at 8:00 am.

**Workshops** will be offered **for lay members** during Clergy Session on Monday morning:

<http://www.westohioumc.org/ac/2016/lay-member-workshops>.

The Annual Conference **Special Offering** will be collected on Tuesday during morning worship:

<http://www.westohioumc.org/ac/2016/blog/2016-annual-conference-offering>

**Donations** – Health and School Kits will be collected, <http://www.westohioumc.org/ac/2016/umcor-health-school-kits>, and the UMM will be collecting potatoes or \$5 donations at the Meals for Millions Truck at the Otterbein North shore Friday – Tuesday.



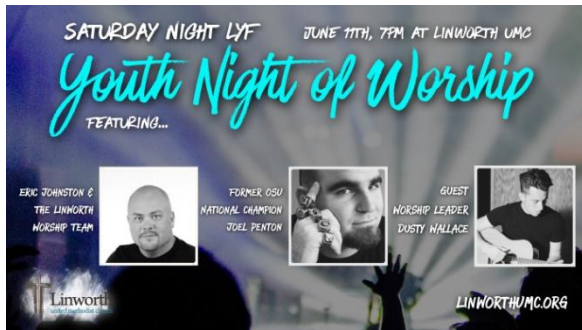
## You are invited to the CAN and CAS District Gathering of Clergy Spouses June 6

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

## Annual Conference Youth Member Kick Off Event June 5

The Youth Member Kick Off event is for the youth members of the annual conference on Sunday, June 5, 4:00 – 5:00 pm. At this event, youth members will be oriented to all aspects of the annual conference sessions—from how to make effective speeches on the annual conference floor to how to have any questions regarding legislation answered. This session will be **FUN** and informative. Make sure to be there to become the best youth member you can be. [Register here](#).

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## Greater Columbus Youth Invited to Youth Worship Event June 11

Linworth Youth Fellowship (LYF) presents a special night of worship on Saturday June 11th at 7:00 pm for the youth of Greater Columbus featuring former OSU national champion and renowned Christian speaker Joel Penton and music from Dusty Wallace and the Linworth worship band. This is a night to invite your friends, your family, and your classmates to open our hearts and worship God. Come and see what God is doing to change your life. Please contact Jessica Cavinee at [jcavinee@linworthumc.org](mailto:jcavinee@linworthumc.org) for more details.

## Grand Expectations – Multi Generational Camping June 12 - 15

Calling all Grandparents and Grandkids! Camp Widewater has an awesome camp just for you! Prepare to get wild and catch the spirit that's rampant at camp. Let loose your inner fire for God and see how four days and three nights of Fun, Faith, & Friends will charge up and change you! Grand Expectations runs June 12th-15th for ages 8-108! Register today at [www.westohiocamps.org/](http://www.westohiocamps.org/)

## Pride Service for Reconciling Methodists June 17

This year's annual Pride Service for reconciling United Methodists will be held on Friday, June, 17, 7:00 pm, at King Avenue UMC, 299 King Avenue. In addition to our celebration, we shall feature the multi-media "Pride" art exhibit by the students in the Queer Alliance at the Columbus College of Art and Design. If your church or group would like to bring literature for distribution, please let me know. We'll have tables for distribution. As to parking, both King Avenue lots as well as the OSU lot on Pennsylvania just off King (follow the parking signs) will be open. There is street parking on the south side of King and the Circles south of King (that is the side of the street on which the church is located) as well as all of Neil Avenue. This will be a wonderfully affirming event.

## Coordination and Capacity Building for the United Methodist Church June 22 - 24

June 22 -24, 2016 9:00am to 4:00 pm

A workshop series facilitated by Cathy Earl, Executive Secretary, UMCOR U.S. Disaster Response Register online [here](#). Deadline is June 13th and space is limited, so act now! Cost is \$50 which includes lunch for three days, course materials and background check.

Held at the West Ohio Conference Center, 32 Wesley Blvd. Worthington OH 43085

## Missionary Esther Gitobu to Visit West Ohio June 29

Have you ever wondered what life is like as a missionary? You are invited to come out and hear Esther Gitobu as she visits congregations in West Ohio. Learn how the Methodist Church in Cambodia is sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a predominately Buddhist country teaming with young people. Hear how

hope and new life continues to unfold in the aftermath of the genocide in which 2 million Cambodians were killed. Be inspired, and reflect on how God is calling you to make a difference.

Hear her at Worthington UMC at 2:00 pm (joint event w/Church of the Messiah) 600 E High Street, Worthington, OH [cyndylg@aol.com](mailto:cyndylg@aol.com) 614-885-5365 and at Maize Manor UMC at 7:00 pm 3901 Maize Road, Columbus, OH [information@maizemanorumc.org](mailto:information@maizemanorumc.org) 614-267-4939.

### **Annual Fund Balance Reports (Audit) due July 1**

Fund Balance report forms were emailed and mailed out to all churches that had not yet submitted their reports for 2015. Please submit completed forms to the District Office by July 1.

### **Emergency Response Trainings Scheduled**

Basic ERT at Waters Edge UMC (ORV) July 30<sup>th</sup>

<http://www.westhioumc.org/conference/event/early-response-training-waters-edge-orv>

Combined ERT Basic and Recertification at Epworth UMC (MWD) October 15<sup>th</sup>

<http://www.westhioumc.org/conference/event/regional-early-response-training-epworth-umc>

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## ***Classifieds***

### **Positions Available**

[Ministry Coordinator](#), New Life UMC

[Youth Ministry Director](#), Powell UMC

[Worship Leader](#), Good Shepherd UMC

[Technology Ministries Directory](#), Powell UMC

[Office Manager](#), Linworth UMC

[Church Secretary/Administrator](#), Maynard Ave UMC