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

### **Bus Seats to Annual Conference Available on Tuesday**

Linworth UMC has chartered a bus to travel from the church, 7070 Bent Tree Blvd., Columbus, 43235 to Lakeside and back on Tuesday for the ordination service. The bus will leave at noon and will return that evening. The cost is \$25 per seat. If you'd like more information or to reserve a seat contact the church at 614-336-8485, [info@linworthumc.org](mailto:info@linworthumc.org)

### **What if we stopped fixing churches and started to #SeeAllThe People?**

What if churches recommitted themselves to focus on being in relationship with those around them and created an intentional system to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world? Discipleship Ministries of The United Methodist Church is asking those questions of the denomination. The agency believes the denomination has looked too long for a quick fix to help guide discipleship efforts, and the church is now called to fully embrace the spirit of the Wesleyan tradition by being in relationship with the communities that surround our churches. [Read more](#) about Discipleship Ministries' effort to launch a grass roots initiative called #SeeAllThePeople, designed to inspire a disciple-making movement across our denomination. [Watch video.](#)

### **12 Ways to Recognize Volunteers**

Most of our churches would be in trouble were it not for volunteers who serve faithfully every week. "Volunteer" is probably not the best word, since legitimate church membership assumes a willingness to serve - but I think we still should recognize those who serve well. Click [here](#) for some ways to honor your volunteers.

### **Church and Society Launches New Website**

After six months of hard work and dedication by many people, we are delighted to announce the launch of a brand new Church and Society website. The new site is available at [www.umcjustice.org](http://www.umcjustice.org). In this new site you will find: information about educational opportunities like the seminar program and internships; information about the Social Principles and opportunities for trainings; and opportunities for you to take action and ensure elected officials hear from you.

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## **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 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.

## 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.

## "Boom and Bust: The Appalachian Spirit" Documentary June 5

In the heart of Appalachian coal country, people struggle to get by. Coal companies, which have long supplied the only reliable jobs around, are pulling out of many small, Appalachian towns. Recently, Rev. Ryan Grace, pastor and videographer, together with his wife, Church and Community Worker Mariellyn Grace, traveled deep into Appalachia to learn more about the history of coal, and how this area can survive now that coal is becoming history. Their documentary, "Boom and Bust: The Appalachian Spirit," will be shown Monday, June 5, during the Noon lunch break at Annual Conference in Orchestra Hall (the Lakeside movie theater). Please [register online](#) by May 26 to pre-order your box lunch, and join us for a journey through coal country!

## Refresh! Replenish! Renew! with Cynthia Palmer June 5

As clergy spouses, we could all use a little time with people who are on the same journey. Join Cynthia Palmer for a time of inspirational study and joyful conversation around the book Chase the Lion by Mark Batterson. Light refreshments will be served. [Registration is required.](#)

## Bishop's 5K Walk/Run June 6

Join us for the annual 5K walk/run on Tuesday, June 6 at 7:00 am. [Registration information](#)

## 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

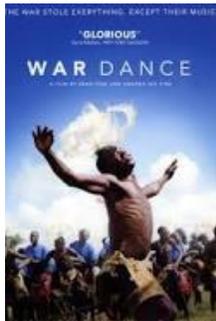
Wednesday, June 7, 7:30 – 8:30 am, Hotel Lakeside Fern Room. Through All In Community, we are living into John Wesley's belief that ministry in prison was one of the few messages Jesus explicitly commanded. Today, we are collaborating across West Ohio to expand our presence with people caught up in incarceration, 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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## **Congo Missionaries at Bethel International June 11**

The greatest spread of Christianity worldwide may be in the Congo (80% of population) thanks to evangelism among the children. Mwembo Makaba and his wife Adrienne will speak at the 9:00 and 11:00 am services and again at 6:00pm (sanctuary). Bethel International UMC, 1220 Bethel Rd., Columbus OH 43220



## **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).



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

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



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

Save the Date! Rev. Linda Middelberg will host clergy families in the District at her home for summer picnics on Saturday, July 15 from 3:00 – 6:00 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***

### **Children's Chairs Available**

Powell UMC has about 25 small blue children's chairs they would like to give to a church that could use them. Contact Katy Brodbeck at [katyabrodbeck@powellumc.org](mailto:katyabrodbeck@powellumc.org), 614-847-3703

### **Piano Available**

Church of the Master in Westerville is looking for a loving congregation to "adopt" a piano for ministries of music! Our 1938 Sohmer Grand, model 57 5'8" #90109 was a memorial gift to our congregation. We would like to pay it forward and allow this beautiful instrument to remain in ministry. More information on the condition of the instrument can be provided. Contact Rev. Anna Guillozet ([pastor@chmaster.org](mailto:pastor@chmaster.org)) for more information. The cost of moving the instrument would fall to the recipient.

### **Help Wanted**

[Worship Leader/Director of Worship Arts, Village Chapel UMC](#)

[Preschool Director, Bethel International UMC](#)

[Office Manager, Bethel International UMC](#)

[Office Assistant, Bethel International UMC](#)

[Communications Secretary, Bethel International UMC](#)

[Lead Custodian, Bethel International UMC](#)

[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](#)

[Communications Coordinator/Administrative Assistant, North Broadway UMC](#)