



CAPITOL AREA NORTH

West Ohio Conference

New this week: *Praying our Way Forward* - we are all invited to be in prayer daily; *I Believe in the Church Events* – save the date! CAN is excited to offer Dinner Church Training on August 23 at Marysville First UMC – registration is now open! UMW Stories Needed; Part-time Directors of Communications and Adult Discipleship needed at Indian Run UMC

Praying Our Way Forward

As we head toward the Special Session of the General Conference in February 2019, Bishop Gregory V. Palmer encourages all West Ohio United Methodists to participate daily in *Praying Our Way Forward*, from 2:23-2:26 (AM or PM), and to participate in weekly fasting. Click [here](#) for more information. Here is a suggested prayer that you can begin to pray:

“Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me; Christ to comfort and restore me; Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger. “

~I Bind unto Myself Today: attr. To Saint Patrick, c. 430;
paraphrased by Cecil France Alexander, 1889

Save the date! I Believe in the Church Events with Bishop Palmer

Registration is required and begins July 2, 2018

- September 5 at Groesbeck UMC - 8871 Colerain Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45251
- September 11 at **Indian Run UMC** - 6305 Brand Rd., Dublin, OH 43016
- September 12 at **Peace UMC** - 235 Diley Rd., Pickerington, OH 43147
- September 25 at Milford First UMC - 541 Main St., Milford, OH 45150
- September 26 at **Broad Street UMC** - 501 East Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215
- October 3 at Coburn UMC - 3618 Maple Ave., Zanesville, OH 43701
- October 8 at Kenton First UMC - 234 N. Main St., Kenton, OH 43326
- October 10 at Bowling Green First UMC - 1526 E. Wooster St., Bowling Green, OH 43402
- October 16 at Sulphur Grove UMC - 7505 Taylorsville Rd., Dayton, OH 45424
- October 17 at Trinity UMC - 24 S. Mulberry St., Chillicothe, OH 45601

Schedule for each location:

6:00 to 6:45 pm - Dinner (by reservation only)

7:00 to 8:30 pm - Program featuring Bishop Gregory Palmer (by reservation only)

Trainings



CAN Dinner Church Collective Training August 23

The Capitol Area North District is excited to sponsor a **Dinner Church Training** on Thursday, August 23, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at Marysville First UMC, 207 S. Court St., Marysville. **We are encouraging all our congregations to come learn more about how to do Dinner Church and if this might be a new way for you to reach your neighbors.** The training is \$20/person for CAN and CAS churches, and \$30/person for all others, and includes lunch. **If you bring two or more persons from your congregation to the training and decide you'd like to try holding Dinner Church, the district will give CAN churches \$150 in seed money to get you started.** [Learn more here.](#) [Register here.](#)

Brown Bag Lunch and Learn: Common Sense Background Checks for Gun Sales in Ohio July 19

Ohioans for Gun Safety is a grassroots organization whose goal is to have Ohio join 20 other states in enacting common-sense background checks for gun sales. Learn how we can make it more difficult for convicted felons, convicted domestic abusers and those adjudicated mentally ill to obtain firearms. Join Marin Harris on Thursday, July 19. Bring your own lunch, drinks provided. [Register here.](#)



Fresh Expression Round Table July 31

Did you attend the Fresh Expressions Visioning Day? Then plan to attend the Round Table!

As a follow-up to the Fresh Expressions Vision Day, we are offering a West Ohio Roundtable on Tuesday, July 31, 2:00 – 5:00 pm at Grove City UMC, 2684 Columbus St., Grove City. Cost is \$10. Come ask in-depth questions about the concepts, theological foundations, and the development process of Fresh Expressions. Envision the implications of Fresh Expressions for your specific congregation and community. Receive up close and personal guidance on how to take next steps on your Fresh Expressions journey! Learn how to join the Learning Community launching soon in Ohio. [Register here.](#)

Habits of the Heart: Exploring the Basics of Spiritual Disciplines July 30 – August 25

(4-Week Course) Habits of the Heart are deeply ingrained ways of seeing, exploring, experiencing, and responding to the world and the transcendent presence of Divine creative power and grace. But how does a habit of hope and prayer become “deeply ingrained” in one’s heart? This personal enrichment class will explore through experiential discovery the basics of ancient spiritual disciplines for

contemporary personal and corporate practice of prayer. For basic course description on *Exploring the Basics of Spiritual Disciplines*, www.livingstreamsflowingwater.com

All-in Community Re-entry COPE Simulation August 7

Held at Marysville First UMC, 207 S. Court St., Marysville, Tuesday, August 7, 6:30 – 9:00 pm. The cost of poverty experience (COPE) offers a glimpse into the lives of individuals and families dealing with all stages of the criminal justice system in our community. [Register here](#). For more information contact Jill Rodman at jtrodman@hotmail.com.

Lead Like Jesus Encounter August 24- 25

A Leadership Encounter Workshop. Friday, August 24, 7:00 – 9:00 pm and Saturday, August 25, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm. Held at United Theological Seminary, 4501 Denlinger Rd., Dayton, Ohio 45426. 1 CEU Credit available. \$85/person before 7/30; \$100/person 7/31 – 8/24. [More information](#). Register [here](#).

Clergy Boundary Training August 25

****Pre-registration is required at least two weeks prior to the event****

This specialized training focuses on developing healthy boundaries in ministry and is specific to the role of a clergy person. Topics of the day will include power differences, personal and professional health, and the use of social media. **All credentialed clergy are required to attend one of the following Boundary Training events.** Retired or un-appointed clergy who regularly work within the church (doing visitation and interacting with congregants, etc.) must also attend this training.

Register early to ensure that you have a seat in the training that you prefer! Registration ends two-weeks prior to the event and the event fee must be received in the Office of Ministry two weeks prior to hold your spot.

- [August 25-Linworth UMC](#)
- [August 29-Christ UMC, Kettering](#)
- [August 30-Grace UMC, Perrysburg](#)
- [September 12-Reynoldsburg UMC](#)

Soul Companionship – An Introduction to Spiritual Direction September 3 – September 29

(4-Week Course) The spiritual work of soul companionship has a rich and long history starting from the biblical times down through the evolving history of the Church to our contemporary times. This course provides a sweeping overview of the "care of souls" (cura animarum) and its resultant expressions in the modern pastoral theology and care movement. Attention is given to spiritual friendship, guidance, and mentoring, with special focus on the distinct and time-honored ministry of spiritual direction. For basic course description on *Soul Companionship – An Introduction to Spiritual Direction*, www.livingstreamsflowingwater.com or <http://www.cqcenterquest.org/school-of-spiritual-direction/spiritual-direction-online-classes/>

All People's Conference October 27 – 29

Come and See... Go and Tell! Finding living water in Samaria. Key note speakers include Bishop Gregory V. Palmer, Harriet Olson, CEO of the UMW, and Bishop Leonard Fairly of the Kentucky Methodist Conference. At the Church for All People, 946 Parsons Avenue, Columbus. [Register here](#).

Clinical Pastoral Education Opportunity in Marion, Mansfield

Looking for a way to continue your pastoral education in a vibrant and personal way? Do you or a colleague want to grow your ministry skills? We invite you to consider taking a unit of CPE. CPE is a form of education where students and ministry professionals provide pastoral care and then reflect together in small groups on their experiences. This unit combines hospital and community-based settings. Monday mornings, November 2018 through April 2019. 14 hours of clinical time per week, 5 hours of peer group time, one day per week. Cost is \$700 at Ohio Health site, \$800 at your own site. Group meetings to be held at Marion General and Mansfield Hospitals. Contact Rev. Kristin Langstraat for information, Kristin.langstraat@ohiohealth.com or 614-788-8211. Tuition assistance may be available.

Events and Information

Women's Ministry Conference at Lee Avenue UMC June 23 and 24

Lee Avenue United Methodist Church, 1264 Lee Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43219, 614-299-9120

Five Seeds of a Godly Woman: SOWING, PLANTING, REAPING, WATERING, HARVESTING

Who held on to you and didn't let the birds eat up your seed?

Friday, June 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. (Kick-off) Pastor Keia Holt, Covenant Believers Community Church Lockbourne, Ohio

Saturday, June 23, 2018

9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

10:30 a.m. Conference Minister Vanessa Jones, Second Baptist Church, Circleville; Elder DeDra Ervine, Oakley Full Gospel Baptist Church, Columbus; Evangelist Rosalind Porter, Pastor Lee Avenue United Methodist Church, Columbus; and Tamara Bosley, Liturgical Dance Ministry, Second Avenue Baptist Church

Sunday, June 24, 2018 @ 4:00 p.m. Pastor Barbara Johnson, Church of Perpetual Promises, Columbus,

King Avenue UMC Changing the Conversation Speaker Series June 23 and 24

I Love You, Please Go Away: The Art and Science of Live-Giving Relationships

Saturday, June 23, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, \$10/Adults, \$5/Students, 12& Under Free. Kids' activities available.

Pain, Shame and Resilience: Where LBGTQI+ Meets Religion/Spirituality

Sunday, June 24 at 7:00 pm. Childcare available.

Presented by Dr. Ling Lam, a Lecturer in the Counseling Psychology Department at Santa Clara University, where he teaches Couple Therapy and LBGTQI+ Counseling classes. He also provides onsite counseling at Google. This program is part of King Avenue's "Changing the Conversation" Speaker Series, which features Christian thought leaders striving for inclusion of traditionally-marginalized people and communities. [Register here.](#)

You're Invited to The Gathering June 24

The Gathering is a time for Reconciling United Methodists across central Ohio to join together for fellowship, celebration, and support. The next meeting will be held on Sunday, June 24, at 3:00 pm, at the Livingston United Methodist Church, 200 E Livingston Ave, Columbus. The program will feature a showing of the documentary "Through My Eyes." In this film, through a series of moving, intertwined interviews, over two dozen young Christians discuss their Christian faith, their views on homosexuality,

and the responses of their churches, friends, and families when they began to suspect that they might be gay. All are welcome!

UMW Stories Needed

If your United Methodist Women group has a project specifically dealing with maternal and child health, mass incarceration, income equality, or climate justice, *Response Magazine* may be interested in doing an article about it! They would want to feature action-type photos as well as a detailed account of what you are doing and what impact it is having. Contact Jeanne Long, President, West Ohio Conference United Methodist Women 513-763-9956; jalong1952@yahoo.com

Ohio Guidestone 5K July 2

Monday, July 2, 2018 at 6:30 pm. Half of all registration fees will benefit Ohio Guidestone. When registering, click on OhioGuidestone under team sign-up: www.charityday5k.com.

Spread the Word: Kids Eat Free This Summer!

This summer, the Ohio Department of Education is sponsoring the Summer Food Service Program, providing children with free, healthy meals. It's easy to participate and no sign up is required. Simply call 1-866-3-HUNGRY (1-866-348-6479), visit education.ohio.gov/KidsEat or use the Department's mobile app for meal times and locations (coming soon to the app). [The Ohio Department of Education Mobile App](#) is available free of charge in the [Apple App Store](#) and the [Google Play Store](#), search Ohio Department of Education. The Summer Food Service Program ensures children ages 18 and under continue to receive nutritious meals during the summer break from school, when they do not have access to school breakfasts or lunches. Children with disabilities and approved individualized education programs may participate through age 21.

Extension Ministry Cluster Forming

If you serve in ministry outside of the local church setting and are looking for a clergy cluster, we are starting a new cluster on the 3rd Wednesday of each month beginning August 15, 8:00 am at Otterbein University, O Club room in the stadium at Otterbein. See attached map. If you are interested or need more information, please contact Rev. Dr. Judy Guion-Utsler, jguionutsler@otterbein.edu.

'Hearts for Hospice' Yard Sales at Wesley Glen August 4 and Wesley Ridge August 11

Wesley Glen and Wesley Ridge will each hold a yard sale in August to build awareness of the work done by Hearts for Hospice and to raise funds to support that work. Residents and staff as well as their families and members of the surround communities are invited to participate in the yard sales – to buy and sell. Those wishing to sell items may rent a table for a donation of \$25. Individuals may also donate items to be sold. The yard sale at Wesley Glen will be held on Saturday, August 4 from 9 am to 2 pm in the employee parking lot. The one at Wesley Ridge will be held on Saturday, August 11 from 9 am to 2 pm in the Harcum Fitness Center parking lot. Anyone wishing to reserve a table or to make donations should contact Chad Simpson, the Wesley Way Ambassador, at 614-738-7369 or csimpson@thewesleyway.org

Sponsorship Opportunities for the Buckeye Season Kickoff Party benefitting New Life Community Outreach August 28

The 2018 Buckeye Season Kickoff Party benefitting New Life Community Outreach, a Community Ministries mission, is August 28th at Villa Milano Banquet and Conference Center and will feature Bobby Carpenter. The NLCO provides free meals, free clothing and free healthcare to those in need in the areas just north of downtown Columbus. We would like to invite your congregation to join us! The event poster will be completed in the next 3 weeks when we finalize this year's sponsors. Already on board are the NLCO Board, North Broadway UMC, Church of the Messiah UMC and Indian Run UMC. We would welcome your church's participation! Sponsorship Cost is \$1,000 and provides 2 reserved tables for 8 people each, a spot on the poster that will be distributed widely in greater Columbus, and inclusion in the event program and on the big screen during the event. This is a great way to support a valued local ministry, involve you congregation and perhaps reward members of you staff and volunteers with a wonderful evening out. Should you choose to participate as a sponsor or wish information about tickets please contact Troy Salyers, 614-783-5101 or troysalyers@gmail.com.

Save the Date! 2nd Annual Watoto Read Charity Golf Outing September 29

At Bent Tree Golf Club in Sunbury. Tee off at 12:30 pm. Scramble style play. Authentic African snacks served mid-play. Contests, prizes and a buffet dinner. Register at www.watotoread.com in early June. Contact Danielle Jones for sponsorship opportunities, Danielle.jones@watotoread.com.

Classifieds

Help Wanted

[Part-time Director of Adult Discipleship, Indian Run UMC](#)

[Part-time Director of Communications, Indian Run UMC](#)

[Office Administrator, North Broadway UMC](#)

[Substitute Director of Music, North Broadway UMC](#)

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

[Director of Youth Ministries, Powell UMC](#)