

New this week: Clergy Evaluation Tool Trainings scheduled for S/PPRC Committees; 2019 Sprague Leadership Institute 'Sanctuary for All' July 18 at Columbus Mennonite Church; 2020 Minimum Salaries; Training for clergy on how to spot elder abuse August 20; Lay Servant Ministries Basic (introductory) course offered September 28;

District News and Information

Local Outreach Grant Funds Available – July 15th Deadline

United Methodist Community Ministries would like to inform our friends in Capitol Area North and South that there are still funds available for Local Outreach Grants in 2019. You can find Local Outreach grant applications online on the [Community Ministries website](#). Local outreach grants are awarded up to \$5,000 for each local church. The deadline for receiving applications will be July 15th. Grants from the remaining 2019 Local Outreach funds will be awarded at the August Community Ministries Board Meeting. If you have a new and exciting ministry that is transforming communities and making new disciples we encourage you to apply for a UCMCM grant.

Clergy Evaluation Tool Trainings

This year the district will be moving to a new tool for clergy evaluations. A representative from each church's SPRC will be asked to attend one of five trainings on this new tool. Clergy evaluations will be due by the end of the year. The dates and locations of the trainings are:

Saturday July 20, 9:30 am at the West Ohio Conference Center [Map](#)

Wednesday August 14, 7:00 pm at Richwood UMC, 18 S. Fulton St., Richwood [Map](#)

Tuesday September 17, 7:00 pm at the West Ohio Conference Center [Map](#)

Wednesday October 2, 7:00 pm at the West Ohio Conference Center [Map](#)

Saturday October 19, 9:30 am at Raymond UMC, 21535 Main St., Raymond [Map](#)

Register by clicking here or by calling the District Office, 614-222-0602.

2020 Minimum Salaries [available here](#)

Coffee and Conversations 2.0 with UM Community Ministries

Church pastors, ministry leaders, and laity are invited to join United Methodist Community Ministries for Coffee and Conversations 2.0. These regional gatherings will focus on assets, potential partners, and District/Conference resources to support what God is dreaming for your community. If you have already attended Connection Blueprint, Missional Church Consultation Initiative, Community Engagement Experience, Greenhouse, etc., this will be a great opportunity for you also to join us to explore possible next steps and funding opportunities. Contact Rev. Karen Cook, Director, Capitol Area Community Ministries, with any questions, kcook@wocumc.org, 614-222-0602.

Dates and locations:

Logan, Union, Champaign, and Delaware Counties – September 25, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, Magnetic Springs Café, 54 S Main St., Magnetic Springs [Register](#)

Licking and Fairfield Counties – October 30, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, location TBD

Fayette, Pickaway, and Fairfield Counties – October 31, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, location TBD
Marion and Delaware Counties – November 20, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, The House of Seven Oaks, 324 E. William St., Delaware [Register](#)

Trainings and Resources

2019 Sprague Leadership Institute: Sanctuary for All July 18

Sponsored by MTSO. Sanctuary for All is a faith-based community conversation and workshop about the Accompaniment Movement, Thursday, July 18, 10:15 am – 4:30 pm, at the Columbus Mennonite Church, 35 Oakland Park Ave., Columbus, 423214. Keynote Speaker is [Ravi Ragbir](#), immigrant rights activist at New Sanctuary Coalition in NY, an interfaith network of congregations, organizations and individuals, standing publicly in solidarity with families and communities resisting detention and deportation in order to stay together. Learn key principles of the New Sanctuary Movement; ‘Accompaniment’ and how communities and individuals can engage; and the state of sanctuary, immigration, and refugees in Central Ohio. Accompaniment Movement Volunteer Training (free) to the public 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm, https://www.newsanctuarynyc.org/accompaniment_training, registration required! To register go to www.north-broadway.org/sprague or visit the [Facebook event](#)

UM Confirmation and Youth Ministry Survey

Are local congregations asked to complete this short survey around Confirmation and Youth Ministry [here](#).

Immunity to Change Training July 13 and 27

How do you respond to change? Do you run to it? Do you run away from it? Or do you just pretend it’s not happening? You might say, “it depends.” And you’d be right. Change is both psychological and sociological, and we all have to deal with it. The question is *how is your change strategy working for you?* If you’re wanting to change how you live with change so that it makes a positive difference in your life, then join me for our upcoming **Immunity to Change** training on **July 13th** at **Amlin UMC** in Columbus. You’ll discover for your own hidden responses to change that keep it from working for you and keep you working against it. You’ll discover adaptive solutions that makes change sticky and -- dare I say -- less painful. This training will change how you deal with change. Everyone encounters change, so this training is open to all who desire to generate positive life change. [You can register here](#). Then, plan on attending **Immunity to Change** part two on **July 27th**. Part two addresses organizational change. Bring your church leadership team to equip them with a new change strategy for what’s coming next.

ERT Trainings August 10, September 21 in Grove City

The eight-hour Basic Class or Recertification training will teach you how to assist survivors of natural disasters in their time of need. You will provide a Christian presence while taking steps to prevent further damage to a family's personal property, tarping, debris removal, cleaning out flooded homes, etc. FEMA recognizes this training to be able to enter a disaster scene. NOTE: A background check is required to receive an ERT badge from UMCOR. You will receive a link to run a background check with UMCOR when you register online, please complete the background check prior to the class. Certification: \$40, Recertification: \$35.

August 10, Hartzell UMC (Ohio River Valley): <https://www.westohioumc.org/equip/mission-and-justice/conference/event/ert-hartzell-umc>

September 21, Grove City UMC (Capitol Area South): <https://www.westohioumc.org/equip/mission-and-justice/conference/event/ert-grove-city-umc>

Mobilizing Clergy to Help Respond to Elder Abuse August 20

Community clergy are often left out of discussions of elder justice, but may be the first individuals who may become aware of elder abuse or exploitation in their faith communities. This educational offering will help “connect the dots” for the faith leaders that serve communities across Ohio. This event will be held at the Mid-Ohio Food Bank in Grove City on August 20. [Click here](#) for more information and registration. Sponsored by Leading Age Ohio.

Volunteers in Mission Leader Training August 24

Saturday, August 24th, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at Indian Run UMC in Dublin. [Learn more and register here.](#)

Nationwide Children’s Hospital Sponsors ‘Hot Topics for Religious Professionals and Youth: Suicide, Cannabis, Sexuality/Gender’ September 13

An Interfaith conference for religious leaders of all faiths who work with young people. Its purpose is to help equip religious leaders for conversations in the areas of youth suicide, cannabis, and its implications, and LGBTQI+ and Transgender youth. Theological perspective will be offered from Muslim, Jewish, and Christian perspectives. Sponsored by Nationwide Children’s Hospital departments of Psychiatry and Pastoral Care. Held at Tifereth Israel, 8:30 am – 2:00 pm. [Training agenda](#). Cost to attend is \$35/person. [Register here](#). Contact Nationwide Children’s Hospital Education with questions at 614-355-0650.

Introduction to Lay Servant Ministry: The Basic Course September 28

Laities who are interested in exploring lay servant ministry are invited to attend the introductory course on Saturday, September 28 at Gethsemane UMC. [Learn more here](#).

All People’s Conference October 26 - 28

Conference to focus on Congregational and Community Development in a Diverse World

Church and Community Development for All People will hold its annual All People’s Conference in Columbus from October 26-28, 2019. The conference will feature keynote speakers Bishop Gregory Palmer, Bishop Hope Ward of the North Carolina Conference, and the Rev. John Edgar of CD4AP. Other keynote speakers include Mr. Sheldon K. Johnson, Dr. Katelin Hansen and the Rev. Dr. Kevin Dudley of Church and Community Development for All People. **Registration is \$195 until July 1st when it will increase to \$225.** Scholarships are available. Registration and more information on workshop speakers is available at <http://www.4allpeople.org/allpeopleconference/>



Laity Discernment Retreats

Do you feel God's call on your life but are uncertain how to discern that call or what to do next? If so, then this is the Retreat for you! At the Laity Discernment Retreats, we will talk about call, discernment and what it means to be "called by our baptism". We will learn ways to intentionally enter into a time of prayer about discernment and we will discover Spiritual Rhythms that can help guide our journey. We will also discuss the variety of ways Laity can serve both in our churches and in our communities. Each retreat kicks off with an 8-hour Saturday session followed by a 3-hour session approximately six weeks later. In between the two sessions, there will opportunities to read, reflect, and practice Spiritual Rhythms that will lead you to a better understanding of your own call.

Note: You are welcome to attend any session in any location and you do not need to attend both sessions in the same region. However, you need to attend the all-day Saturday retreat prior to attending the 3-hour follow up session.

Capitol Area South & Foothills

Saturday, November 9, 2019 and Thursday, January 9, 2020 at Crossroads Ministry Center of Lancaster First UMC - Register [HERE](#)

Capitol Area North & Miami Valley

Saturday, November 16, 2019 and Thursday January 16, 2020 at Urbana UMC - Register [HERE](#)

Ohio River Valley & Shawnee Valley

Saturday January 11, 2020 and Thursday March 5, 2020 at Williamsburg UMC - Register [HERE](#)

Northwest Plains & Maumee Watershed

Saturday January 18, 2020 and Thursday March 12, 2020 at Bowling Green First UMC - Register [HERE](#)

Events and Information

Tornado Relief

The devastation to Dayton and other areas around West Ohio will require long-term help to rebuild houses, businesses, and lives. The extent of the assistance West Ohio can provide will depend on the generosity of churches and people from across the Conference. Please continue to give all you can to the West Ohio Disaster Response Fund by donating online [here](#) (be sure to select 'West Ohio Disaster Response' in the drop-down menu). These funds stay in West Ohio and will be used only to respond to disasters in West Ohio. Checks may be sent to The West Ohio Conference, 32 Wesley Blvd, Worthington, OH 43085, with 'West Ohio Disaster Response' in the Memo line. Thank you for what you have done and will continue to do!



Do you have Columbus-area College Students?

Know someone headed to Columbus this fall for college? Whether they're a first year, transfer, or coming back ready to graduate, we'd love to connect and welcome them. Central City Church is a new

United Methodist in Columbus. We meet just south of OSU's campus, and we're easy to get to from other schools as well. We'd love to connect with your child or grandchild who's headed to school. In fact, we have a gift that we'd love to get to them. It's a coffee tumbler, filled with gift cards and information about UM Campus ministries in Columbus. If you know someone headed to Columbus, we'd love to connect. You can reach Renee at renee@centralcity.co or call/text Renee at (614) 323-8262 or Adam at <mailto:adamreed@centralcity.co> They'd love to meet any students around this summer for orientations.

Fellowship of Associate Members and Local Pastors Retreat at Lakeside

August 18 – August 21

Join other Local Pastors and Associate Members for this retreat on "Civil Dialogue in an Uncivil World."

[Learn more here.](#)

Golf Scramble to benefit NNEMAP Food Pantry September 30

Golf at the beautiful Pinnacle private course in Grove City! Teams of 4 – pick your own team or be paired up with other players; Cost is \$125/person and includes a buffet dinner. Check in begins at 10:30 am; Shotgun play begins at noon; Dinner is at 4:30 pm. Non-golfers can dine for \$30. [Information and Registration](#). Sponsored by King Avenue UMC.

UMW Annual Celebration October 26

Join us for our Annual Celebration on October 26 at The Avenue@Ginghamsburg UMC as we gather in fellowship and mission learning. Keynote speaker will be Carol Barton, United Methodist Women's Executive for Community Action. For more information and registration details, visit our Calendar at <https://www.westohioumc.org/conference/event/west-ohio-umw-annual-celebration>.

Classifieds

Help Wanted

[Front Desk Attendant, Charitable Pharmacy](#)

[Choir Director, Indian Run UMC](#)

[Worship Musician, Whitehall UMC](#)

[Part-time Church Secretary, Church of the Good Shepherd](#)

[Part-time Youth Leader, Middleburg UMC](#)