New this week: Part-time Building Care Position at Powell UMC; “Refresh” event for young clergy at Spencerville UMC; Habitat for Humanity Wall Build at Trinity UMC; Pre-retirement seminar on October 11; Leader of Palestinian Non-Violent Resistance speaking at Maynard Avenue UMC August 11; Birthday Benefit Concert planned at the Gathering Place; Kindway EMBARK Navigator Training offered; All-in Community 30 for 30 Pilot Program Information Meeting August 25;

News, Trainings and Events

The CAN and CAS District Offices are moving August 8th!
We are moving to our new office location, 2545 Farmers Drive, Suite 350, Columbus, Ohio, 43235 on August 8th. The offices will be in a state of flux for the next two weeks, so we thank you for your patience as we pack up and move!

Special Events happening in the CAN District

August 6 Blessing of the Animals, 10:00 am, Worthington UMC church lawn, 600 High St., Worthington
August 7 Asbury North Ice Cream Social, 2:00 – 4:00 pm
August 9 – 11 Asbury North VBS –Travel with us to the DRC, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Classes for all ages!
August 10 Taize Service, 7:30 pm in Potter Chapel, Worthington UMC, 600 High St., Worthington

Complete list of summer events

Hunger Ministry Retreat Opportunities
The Society of St. Andrew offers retreat opportunities to clergy and church groups. Information.

UM Community Ministries Grant Applications Available August 1
UMCM has announced the grant application process and deadlines. Applications will be available for 2017 grants on August 1. $500 micro-grants for 2016 are still available. Click here for information.
DONATIONS OF THESE ITEMS STILL NEEDED: Pizza * Beverages (juice boxes, pouches, jugs)* Bottled water * Napkins, plastic forks, Styrofoam plates * Take home snacks * Balls to play games with * Christian Videos for Parents to watch while children are in classes * Jump ropes * Other group game donations * Bibles to give away * Clothes * Shoes * Prizes

Volunteers needed to work with children at New Life UMC Saturday, August 6
New Life United Methodist Church, 25 W. Fifth Ave., Columbus, is offering a day for children and parents to come and have a great time together. We will teach bible lessons, provide a hot meal, hearty snacks, music, games, arts and crafts, prizes and also a time where the children will get to shop for clothes in our free clothing center. We will be providing transportation to the family homeless shelters as well as families in the surrounding community. It’s all free! Our focus is to provide opportunities that some of the less fortunate children in Columbus may not get. WE NEED YOUR HELP! VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED IN THE AREAS MENTIONED ABOVE. If you are willing to donate time to help the less fortunate children and families, please contact, Pastor Alyce at 614-906-6448 or email revahc1@yahoo.com immediately.

Leader of Palestinian Non-Violent Resistance speaking at Maynard Avenue UMC August 11
Thursday, August 11 7 p.m. Maynard Avenue UMC, together with Central Ohioans for Peace and Central Ohio Jewish Voice for Peace, will welcome Iyad Burnat and his family, from Bil’lin on the West Bank. The people of Bil’lin have been separated from their farmlands by the security wall built by Israel, and Mr. Burnat has been leading the people’s weekly protest against this devastating development. Mr. Burnat is the 2015 recipient of the James Lawson Award for Achievement in the Practice of Non-Violence (Rev. Dr. Lawson is United Methodist clergyman who has been a leader in the Civil Rights movement.)

Adult Volunteers Needed August 11 and 13
Help New Life Community Outreach raise $5,000 to provide food, clothing, and healthcare to homeless and low income individuals and families in Columbus by setting up and taking down tables and chairs for a Kokosing Company event. Thirty volunteers are needed on Thursday, August 11 from 12-6 and Saturday, August 13 from 5-10. Volunteers will meet at New Life UMC, 25 West 5th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43201 and take the New Life Community Outreach bus to the site. To sign up for either or both days, click on this link: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0D4DA4A823A1FF2-newlife

Kindway EMBARK Navigator Training August 15
Kindway Prison Minstry Navigator training will be offered at the West Ohio Conference Center. Read more here.

School Supplies Needed by August 15
The Embrace Church is helping to coordinate some much needed resources needed for students at Columbus City Mifflin High School. If you are able, please help resource students with the following items. Items needed are mechanical pencils, pens, single subject spiral notebooks, highlighters, erasers,
and book bags. Also needed are 200 hamburgers and hot dogs with buns and condiments. There are close to 1000 students. There is a Back to School Rally on August 18th, all items should be dropped off at Embrace Church, 3025 Stelzer Rd, Columbus 43219, by August 15. Church Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm. For questions, please call 614-475-0412. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Habitat for Humanity Wall Build August 20**
Trinity UMC is looking for volunteers to frame a house in their parking lot on Saturday, August 20th, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. There is a special need for those who can use an electric saw and are comfortable cutting wood as well as building site leaders. To volunteer you can do so online at [https://trinityumchurch.wufoo.com/forms/house-build-trinity-for-habitat/](https://trinityumchurch.wufoo.com/forms/house-build-trinity-for-habitat/) or phoning Trinity UMC at 614-488-0695.

**Community Birthday Party/Benefit Concert Planned August 20**
Join your community on Saturday, August 20 beginning at 7 p.m. at The Gathering Place 74 N. State St., Westerville, for an evening of fun and music outdoors. This “Huge Birthday Bash” gives everyone a chance to celebrate their birthday – on August 20, it’s “everybody’s birthday!” This concert is an opportunity to celebrate birthdays, and contribute to Church for All People’s Quarterly “First Birthday” party – providing birthday celebrations for those in south Columbus who have made it to their First Birthday. Bring $1 to celebrate your birthday and to honor those who are among a frail population where many do not survive their first year of life. There will be free cake and hot dogs, as part of the celebration. Music is provided for the evening by “The Band Upstairs,” a contemporary Christian worship Band from Church of the Messiah, in Westerville. The concert will also benefit “Warm Hearts” which is a ministry of compassion, providing winter survival packs to the homeless in our area. Rain ponchos, cinch sacks, warm hats and gloves are also being collected. For more information, contact Rev. Kathy Currier at Church of the Messiah UMC, 51 N. State St., Westerville (614) 882-2167 ext. 102.

**Waynestock Free Christian Concert in St. Mary’s, Ohio August 20**
Begins at 2:00 p.m. at Skip Baughman Stadium, St. Marys featuring Unspoken, About A Mile, Jordan Feliz, Lori Triplett, City of Bright, St. Paul’s Sunday School Band, and AWAKEN Band. A free-will donation will be accepted at the concert. [www.waynestocklivingfortherock.com](http://www.waynestocklivingfortherock.com). Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, sunscreen, and friends! Food stands available.

**VA Chaplain Center offers Facilitator Training August 24 and 25**
The National VA Chaplain Center and the Ohio National Guard invite clergy and lay leaders to attend a course to learn how to train others to support troops and their families. Students are introduced to and discuss four web-based program modules, including: Military Culture and Wounds of War; Pastoral Care with Veterans and their families; Mental Health Services and Referrals; Building Community Partnerships. Training is August 24, 1:00 – 5:00 pm and August 25, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm at the Ohio National Guard Headquarters, 2825 W. Dublin-Granville Rd., Columbus, OH 43235. Register by August 19, space is limited. [Registration](mailto:)

**All-in Community 30 for 30 Pilot Program Information Meeting August 25**
What if... the relationships you form on the inside changes someone’s life on the outside? As part of West Ohio’s response to the mass incarceration crisis, we are inviting 30 congregations into the process of becoming welcoming Stations of Hope where 30 brothers and sisters can find a “soft landing” upon their release from incarceration. The 30-For-30 Pilot Program provides resources and relationships that help churches build incarnational relationships with people impacted by
incarceration. 30-For-30 is a church-specific approach, recognizing the ministry strengths your church brings to the table. Already in ministry with people touched by the criminal justice system? Are you called to the incarcerated? Read more here.

**Adapting to Your Town, Country or Rural Setting** **August 27**
Sat., Aug. 27th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Marion-Salem UMC (between Marion and Mt. Gilead)
Whether you are new to a town, country, or rural setting or your current ministry could benefit from a better understanding of the dynamics and shifts in your town, country, or rural setting, Pastor Parish members, pastors, and leaders will all benefit. Learn from four District Superintendents and bring your questions. Learn how to instill a healthier church environment. Learn how to move forward in discovering God's vision for your church. Download the brochure and learn more. Brochures are also available by contacting Debbie Ketcham at 614-580-2382. See you there! [Brochure](#)

**UMCOR West Virginia Flood Response** Click [here](#) for information

**September is Volunteers in Mission Month – Volunteer with a Local Advance Special Organization!**
Volunteer with Kindway, the Charitable Pharmacy, the Shalom Zone, Wesley Chapel Mission Center, Monroe Street Neighborhood Center, or glean crops! [Brochure](#)

**Refresh Event for Young Clergy** **September 3**
Do you identify as young clergy or a young clergy family? Have you ever found yourself isolated and alone on the journey of ministry? Are you considering going into ministry and want a chance to ask some other young families (pastors, spouses, and kids) what it’s really like? Join us for Fall Refresh-ment on **Saturday, September 3**, 10am-7pm for food, fellowship, games, fun, and an open discussion about life and ministry at Spencerville Trinity United Methodist Church (119 N. Main St., Spencerville). Pastor Justin Fuhrmann; Spencerville Trinity United Methodist Church, 119 N. Main Street, Spencerville, OH 45887 [Pastor@SpencervilleTrinity.com](mailto:Pastor@SpencervilleTrinity.com)

**Conflict Resolution and the Art of Mediation** **September 24 and October 29**
United Theological Seminary will present a course on Conflict Resolution, led by Rev. Dr. Brenda Buckwell. [Information](#)

**Clergy Day Apart – Life Together: Living the Covenant** **October 5**
Save the date. Watch for details and registration information in August.

**VIM Project – Nicaragua** **October 8 - 16**
A Volunteers in Mission team is forming for work in Managua, Nicaragua. The dates are October 8-16 with an optional 4-day extension for sightseeing. The team will be working with Fundacion El Samaritano with whom Methodist teams have been working annually since 1997. Work will focus on children in a Christian school operated by the foundation. There will be additional humanitarian projects with maternity and women's oncology hospital visitations, and a children's feeding program at a Nicaragua Methodist church. Time for worship, shopping, sightseeing will also be included. The cost is $1450 per volunteer. If you have questions about this mission or would like a brochure and application, contact Jack Reif at [jack.reif@zoomtown.com](mailto:jack.reif@zoomtown.com)

**VIM Team Leader Training** **October 1**
9:00 am – 4:00 pm at the West Ohio Conference Center, 32 Wesley Blvd., Worthington. Cost is $35. Register here.

**CROP Walk October 9 – UMC Churches invited to participate**
The CROP walk allows us to walk in solidarity with those struggling with hunger and poverty around the block and around the world. There are options for all ability levels ranging in distances of ¾ mile to 5K. People bring their whole families (four-legged members included) and we host the walk at Scioto Audubon Metro Park. Churches basically have to have a representative attend a Team Leader Meeting on either August 25th or August 27th to pick up materials and hear stories, and then fundraise for the next few weeks before the event! If your church is interested in more information about the event, feel free to check out the website at [www.crophungerwalk.org/columbusoh](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/columbusoh). For more information about participating contact Andrew Gifford, Community Engagement Specialist, Church World Service, 419.376.6964, agifford@cwsglobal.org

**Mission Possible: A Pre-Retirement Seminar October 11**
Did you know that according to a recent Insured Retirement Institute survey, 45% of folks between the ages of 52 and 70 have nothing saved for retirement? Nothing, zero, zilch, nada. Take a minute and let that sink in. Did you know that only 24% are confident they will have enough savings to last throughout retirement? That figure is down 12% from just four years ago. While statistics can be helpful, they may not reflect your story. So, how confident are you? How confident is your spouse? Will you be prepared when retirement comes? Your Conference wants to walk this retirement journey with you. With that in mind, the WOC will present **Mission Possible**, a pre-retirement seminar for those 50 years young and up. Wespath (formerly The General Board of Pension and Health Benefits) representatives will lead this free one-day seminar on Tuesday, October 11, at Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church from 9am to 2pm. For more information, including how to register, visit the event page here.

**Emergency Response Trainings Scheduled October 15 and 22**
Combined ERT Basic and Recertification at Epworth UMC (MWD) October 15th
ERT training October 22 in Ohio River Valley District

**Trip to the Holy Land March 2017**
Rev. Mebane McMahon from Northwest UMC is leading a trip to Israel, March 7-17, 2017. The tour will include visits to Bethlehem, Jericho, Capernaum, Caesarea Phillipi, the Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, Jerusalem and other places of interest. Dr. Peter L. Hahn will be going with us. He is a professional historian who has published six books and numerous articles on the history of US diplomacy and military operations in the Middle East since 1940. The cost will be about $3746 per person based on double occupancy. Others from area churches are invited to participate. Contact Mebane at mebmcmahon1@aol.com

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**Classifieds**

**Positions Available**
- **Part-time Custodian**, Powell UMC
- **Part-time Family Pastor**, Church of the Redeemer UMC
- **Part-time Accompanist**, West Jefferson UMC
- **Business Administrator**, Marysville First UMC
Finance Director, Bethel International UMC