

New this week: CAN Churches are invited to send birthday greetings to Church of the Messiah for their 200th Anniversary; Brown Bag Lunch and Learn training: Mental Health First Aid September 6; ERT volunteers/teams needed for flood recovery in Hocking County; PAUMCS fall workshop September 25 at Ginghamburg UMC; UM Communications offers 20 minute online micro-trainings; All In Community Webinar September 11; Faith-based Reentry Summit October 30 in Findlay; Community Concert at Marion Oakland UMC August 26; Contemporary Worship Leader needed at Bexley UMC; Site Worship Leader needed at Short North Church; Last call for the Dinner Church Training next Thursday at Marysville First UMC, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. We have 138 people registered but we have room for more. Register below.

District News

CAN Churches are Invited to Send Birthday Greetings!

Church of the Messiah United Methodist Church in Westerville will be celebrating their 200th anniversary on September 16th. You are invited to send birthday greetings from your church to our friends at Church of the Messiah. Names of responding churches and/or pastors will scroll throughout the offertory during their celebration service. Your church logo and/or greeting can be sent to jwilson@messiahumc.net Bishop Palmer will be preaching, and a 75-piece orchestra and choir will lead the music during worship. Your greeting will be a blessing to the congregation as it reminds us of our connectional relationships as United Methodists. Greetings and/or logos need to be received by **September 5th** to be shared in worship.



Brown Bag Lunch and Learn on Mental Health First Aid September 6

Join us on Thursday, September 6 as Rev. Gunnar Cerda, Chaplain at Ohio Health Grant Medical Center and Grove City Methodist Hospital, presents “Mental Health First Aid.” For clergy and laity interested in learning how we as Christians can best respond to those with mental illness. 11:30 am – 1:00 pm at the District Office. Bring your own lunch, drinks will be provided. [Sign up here.](#)

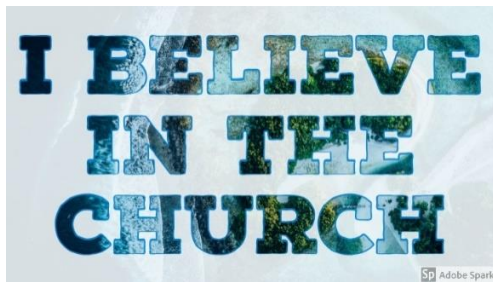
One on One forms

Many thanks to the CAN clergy who have completed their One on One form already. If you still have not completed your One on One form, please [click here for the form.](#)



CAN Dinner Church 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.](#)



I Believe in the Church Events with Bishop Palmer

I Believe in the church events - Join Bishop Gregory V. Palmer for an evening of inspiration, worship, testimony and sharing. All West Ohio United Methodists are encouraged to attend. **Registration is required and is now open!** To register, [click here](#) then choose the date you want to attend.

- 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)

Details of Three ‘Way Forward’ Proposals Now Available Read more [here](#).

2019 Minimum Salaries and Pension Calculations – [click here](#). The online pension calculator will be updated for 2019 salary numbers as of August 1.

Missions

ERT Volunteers Needed

Roger Thatcher, Foothills District Emergency Response Team Coordinator, is looking for volunteer teams to assist in some upcoming rebuild projects from the recent flooding in Hocking County.

No particular skill set is needed as there are a number of projects that will need to be done ranging in level of difficulty. He said if you can hold a hammer you’re good to go! There are other minor projects that need done, as well as installing under-skirting for trailers and more advanced work from the foundation up. If your church could put together a team or if individuals want to join a team to assist Roger in any of these areas, please contact him directly by phone at 740-440-0909 or by email at rogerthatcher48@gmail.com

Flood Buckets Needed in the Toledo Area

Due to recent rains there is an immediate need for flood buckets in the Toledo, Ohio area. If your church has flood buckets on hand right now or would be willing to assemble some, please email Mike Fogle, mfogle300@gmail.com.

Hygiene Kits Needed

Hygiene kits are needed to be used in emergency shelters. You can find the instructions on how to assemble those kits [here](#). If your church has kits that need picked up please notify Mike Fogle, mfogle300@gmail.com.

Grants

Racial/Ethnic Ministry Grants

Applications for grants up to \$10,000 to help local United Methodist churches build ministries that strengthen and support racial and ethnic church concerns are due on Sept. 1. The purpose of the RELCC grants is to provide funding to strengthen the ethnic local church through leadership training, small groups, worship, stewardship, and spiritual formation as they engage in developing disciple-making systems inside the church walls, as well as in the local community. New programs and ministries that move churches to be places where disciples are formed, grow, and make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world will receive priority. To apply for a RELCC grant, [click here](#). For more information, contact Naomi Annandale, 615-340-1743 or nannandale@umcdiscipleship.org.

UM Community Ministries 2019 Grant Applications Available

Community Ministries and both Districts have met to vision about how we encourage our churches to take faith-filled steps to live into their missional identity. UMCM has three areas of focus for eligibility for ministry grants – **transforming communities, discipleship pathways, and sustainability**. For churches who demonstrate their understanding of these focus points, UMCM may provide grant funding to support these missional endeavors. [Read more here](#)... The application links can be found [here](#). [Grant details and information](#). Grant applications are available now and are due October 3.

Trainings

Social Media for Churches Online Webinar [Learn more here.](#) They discuss streaming worship services on Facebook and licensing, all kinds of social media, privacy, etc. It's worth listening to!

Communications Micro trainings

United Methodist Communications offers free online micro-training courses, with professional instruction available on YOUR time. Micro-trainings are a learning method designed to deliver effective content in a time frame ranging from 15 - 20 minutes. These "bursts of knowledge" or micro-trainings will equip you with communication practices that you can start applying to your congregations today. Stay tuned for upcoming topics! [Learn more here.](#)

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

****Pre-registration is required at least two weeks prior to the event** NO WALK-INS**

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 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" 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 in Community Webinar: Advocacy Made Easy September 11, Noon – 1:00 pm

Making our communities safer. Expanding access to mental health and addiction recovery options. Slowing down the revolving door from reentry to return to prison. Making a more just criminal justice system. These visions for a better future involve us lending our voices and our votes for criminal justice reform. Not once. Not twice. But regularly. Join Wendy Tarr and Amanda Hoyt for a one-hour presentation with Q&A on current criminal justice reform legislative initiatives that promote safety and healing where we live. Get informed about how passing November's [Ohio Neighborhood Safety, Drug Treatment, and Rehabilitation Amendment](#) will lead to sentencing reform, divesting from prisons, and investing in communities all across our state. Learn a few easy steps you can take to advocate for a better life for all of Ohio's citizens. To register for the Webinar, email Reba Collins at rebakco@gmail.com.

Worship: Plan, Enhance and Enrich! Doing a lot with a little! September 15

Sponsored by Town and Rural Resource Program (TARRP) for *all* small membership churches, this workshop will be held on Sat., September 15, 2018, at Christ UMC, Baltimore, Ohio. Rev. Robin Knowles-Wallace, seminary professor at MTSO, will teach *Theology of Hymns for the 21st Century* and *Creative Worship Planning*. Rev. Jackson Henry, the Director of Music Ministries at UM Discipleship Ministries will offer and demonstrate detailed worship resources our denomination offers for free or affordable prices. You may choose one of three break-out session choices: *Planning for Advent* with Rev. Knowles-Wallace; or *PowerPoint and Media in the Church* with Rev. Ryan Grace; or *Recruit, Form or Create a Worship Team* led by Rev. Barbara Cooper. Brooke Hilliard will demonstrate UM Hymnal resources and offer Music Ministry Enhancements at the Cokesbury table. [Registration information](#), or contact Rev. Deb Ketcham, 614-580-2382, revdsk@frontier.com. Registration deadline is Sept. 9th



Lay Servant Ministry Fall Courses

Advanced Course: You Can Preach! September 15 and 29 at Heath United Methodist Church
Advance Lay Servant training on preaching. This class meets for two Saturdays, September 15 and 29, so that you have time to prepare and present a sermon on the second Saturday. This course is designed for those who have not completed formal preaching training, for pastors seeking a basic refresher course, and for others who are called upon to preach in a pastor's absence. Register online [here](#) Registration by mail - click [here](#)

Introduction to Lay Servant Ministry – the Basic Course October 27 at Marysville First UMC –
Registration coming soon!

Advanced Course: Life Together in the UM Connection (UM Polity) October 26 and 27 at Marysville First UMC –
Registration coming soon!

PAUMCS FALL WORKSHOP September 25

Ohio PAUMCS (Professional Association of UM Church Secretaries) is committed to their purpose of recognizing the position of the church administrator as a professional within the church. By providing leadership and educational opportunities around Ohio, the Ohio PAUMCS chapter is linking secretaries, administrative assistants, and volunteer staff as an effective support group in local ministry. Plan to join

us on Tuesday, September 25 at Ginghamburg Church from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. [Registration information.](#)



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.](#)

Churches in Delaware, Logan, Marion, and Union Counties:

Faith-based Reentry Summit October 30

Mark your calendars to attend the 2018 NW Region Faith-based Reentry Summit on **October 30th** in Findlay, Ohio. This special event of church leaders, criminal justice professionals, and returning neighbors is designed to inspire, equip, and engage you in more meaningful and impactful ministry with members, families, and neighbors who are living through an incarceration or reentry experience. Attached is a special invitation with more details. **Registration opens September 1st** and will fill up fast. This event is open to all UM members located in the following counties: Allen, Auglaize, Champaign, Clark, Crawford, Darke, Delaware, Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Logan, Lucas, Marion, Mercer, Miami, Morrow, Ottawa, Paulding, Preble, Putnam, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Shelby, Union, Van Wert, Williams, Wood, and Wyandot. Contact Reba Collins with questions, Rebakco@gmail.com

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

Concert at Marion Oakland UMC August 26

You are invited to a community concert featuring the Gary Lyons Family at Marion Oakland UMC, 835 Bellefontaine Ave., Marion, Ohio on Sunday, August 26 at 6:30 pm.



New Life Community Outreach Buckeye Season Kickoff Party 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. 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. Click here for tickets: <https://tickets.cityspark.com/e/buckeye-season-kickoff-party>

Labor Day Family Camp at Camp Widewater

Labor Day is considered the unofficial end of summer. What better way to mark the occasion than experiencing how God's love can be felt in the great outdoors with Wallapalooza? Families can bring their own campers and tents to enjoy a weekend of faith, fellowship and fun. Join other families in outdoor worship, community meals, and fun activities as you enjoy all that Camp Widewater has to offer. This year's theme is "Stone Soup." We will be exploring how everyone can contribute their skills and gifts to their community. Break-out Bible studies for all ages, 2-108! \$18 tent spaces, \$30 camper sites. [Information](#). Camp Widewater is located in Liberty Center, OH, two hours northwest of Columbus.

Northland Community Bazaar September 22

The Northland Alliance will hold their annual bazaar on Saturday, September 22, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at Epworth UMC, 5700 Karl Rd., Columbus. Stained glass, aprons, artwork, baked goods, candles, and much more will be available. Vendors welcome. [Read more here](#).

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. Contact Danielle Jones for sponsorship opportunities, Danielle.jones@watotoread.com.

2019 Convocation for Pastors of Black Churches January 8 – 10, 2019

[The Convocation 2019](#) "Resourcing congregations with catalytic tools for fresh vision in pastoral leadership, the congregation and community toward relational, missional and transformational experiences/encounters with Jesus Christ." **Tuesday, January 8 – Thursday, January 10, 2019**
Atlanta Airport Hilton, 1031 Virginia Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30354. Facebook event information can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/670584299951112/>. Tickets will be available via Eventbrite after July 31. You can find the ticket purchase link on the Facebook event.

United Theological Seminary Trip to the Holy Land April 1 - 10

Join Dr. Kent Millard on a spiritual pilgrimage through the Holy Land, April 1 – 10, 2019. Find details [here](#).

Classifieds

Help Wanted

[Site Worship Leader, Short North Church](#)

[Contemporary Worship Leader, Bexley UMC](#)

[Hand Bell Choir Director, Stonybrook UMC](#)

[Administrative Coordinator for Council on Development, CFO, West Ohio Conference](#)

[Children's Ministry Director, Journey Community Church \(Plain City UMC\)](#)

[Worship Leader, Journey Community Church \(Plain City UMC\)](#)

[Worship Leader, Linworth UMC](#)

[Children's Choir Director, Linworth UMC](#)

[Director, Parents Morning Out Program, Northwest UMC](#)

[Student Recruiter, United Theological Seminary](#)

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

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