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West Ohio Conference

New this week: One last Boundaries training to be offered October 24; Traction Tracks are Back: Breakthrough Prayer, Family Ties, Church Communication and Visual Identity, Creating a Social Media Strategy, and Newcomers – How to Acquire, Track and Keep Them; Festival of Sharing September 15 at Otterbein University; UMW Online Training: Interrupting the School-to-Prison Pipeline September 13 and 20; YouTube for Churches Live Learning Session September 12; Women's Wellness Conference September 29 at Northwest UMC; Resources for churches to encourage generous giving; ERT Training October 6 at Aley UMC in Beaver Creek; Dealing with the Loss of a Spouse/Partner October 9; Summer Impact 2019 at Hyde Park UMC

District News and Information

Additional Boundaries Training Offered October 24

This will be the last Boundaries Training offered in the West Ohio Conference. **Any clergy who has not yet attended must register for this training on October 24th at Etna UMC.** [Register here.](#) Registration will close on October 10. If you paid for a training previously but could not attend, you will need re-register and pay again for this training. If you do not attend one of the WOC trainings you will be required to do your training online, *which we believe may be at a much higher expense.*

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

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.



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 11 at Indian Run UMC** - 6305 Brand Rd., Dublin, OH 43016 – *dinner is full but space available for the program*
- **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 – *dinner full but space available for the program*
- **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)

2019 Minimum Salaries and Pension Calculations – [click here](#).

Trainings

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.

You Tube for Churches Live Learning Session September 12

This live learning session will teach you the basics of YouTube as well as in-depth tips and hints. There will even be an opportunity to ask the experts at United Methodist Communications all of your questions about utilizing YouTube for ministry! Before the session, you can begin learning about YouTube by watching a [new series of short training videos](#) about launching a channel, uploading a video and creating content. [Register here](#). September 12 at 1:00 pm EST.



Fall 2018 Traction Tracks Open for Registration

“Traction Tracks” are specific training/resourcing/coaching/implementation components developed within West Ohio’s Missional Church Consultation Initiative (MCCI), now available in individual short courses for churches of any size and setting. Does your congregation need to gain a new specific aspect of traction in order to begin moving forward into renewed vitality? Consider which of these next Traction Track offerings might be right for you. Every Traction Track involves your pastor plus a team from your church. Click on any of these links to find out more, and to register online. All start in September or October.

Breakthrough Prayer Initiative (one session training)

Every new movement of church renewal always begins through prayer, asking God to bring new possibilities and hope. Learn how to lay a foundation of churchwide prayer that will move your congregation from looking down and in, to up and out! Choose any one of these two identical Traction Track single sessions:

Saturday, October 6, 9:30am-2:30pm, Host location New City UMC, Dayton (MIV) Register [here](#)

Sunday, November 11, 2:00pm-7:00pm Host location Waynesville UMC, Waynesville (ORV) Register [here](#)

Family Ties (four-session training)

Family Ties teaches churches how to rethink and intentionally change your current approach to reach and disciple new children and families at home, in church and within your local community. Connect anew with the next generation! There is still time to register. Sessions begin September 13. Host location St Marks UMC, Findlay. Register [here](#).

Church Communications and Visual Identity (three-session training)

Does your church need to refine its efforts to reach beyond the four walls of the church, but you are not sure where to start? This Traction Track will help your church team assess current process and impact, help redesign material for maximum results, and develop strategic ongoing plans for your church. These are hands-on sessions for pastor and team. Sessions begin September 29, Host location: St Paul Community UMC, Cincinnati. Learn more and register [here](#).

Creating a Social Media Strategy for Your Church (two-session training)

It's important to use social media on behalf of your church - it's where the people are! Learn how to establish a consistent and positive social media presence to generate maximum impact with minimal investment of time and money. First session is October 16. Host location: North Broadway UMC, Columbus. Register [here](#).

Newcomers-How to Acquire, Track, and Keep Them (two-session training)

It is difficult to manage what you cannot measure. This Traction Track will help you develop a system to

help your church acquire and keep new guests by closing the "back door". You will learn how to develop strategic systems and put them into action. First session is October 16. Host location: North Broadway UMC, Columbus. Register [here](#)

For more information or for assistance with registration, contact Grace Gerber at ggerber@wocumc.org.

UMW: Interrupting the School-to-Prison Pipeline Online Training September 13 and 20

Join us as we continue to explore how United Methodist Women can interrupt the school-to-prison pipeline, focusing on local strategies to address racial disparities in school discipline, including suspensions, expulsions and school-based arrests. We will share what we learned through our community research "homework" assignment from our first webinar session. Please come prepared to answer a few questions: What have you learned so far about the school-to-prison pipeline in your community/state, based on data and/or stories? Are there any organizations or groups in your community already working to address these issues? If so, what are they doing? As we continue together in session two, our action and learning focus will explore how you might approach local organizing around this issue (who to involve and how) and ways to educate your circle, unit, church or conference using existing resources and tools. All are welcome. Please choose the session time that works best for you. The session content will be the same at all times. There is no cost to participate.

[Register here.](#)



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 In Community Webinar: Mentoring Incarcerated Members, Family, and Neighbors October 2

Join this webinar on October 2, 12:00 – 1:00 pm. Do you know someone who is incarcerated and wonder what you can do to support them? Contact Reba Collins to register, rebakco@gmail.com

Emergency Response Team Training October 6

ERT training to be held at Aley UMC in Beavercreek [Information.](#) [Register here.](#)



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

All in Community Webinar: Jail Ministry 101 November 13

Join seasoned jail minister Dave Pennington to learn about ministering to our members and neighbors who are incarcerated. Tuesday, November 13, noon – 1:00 pm. Register by contacting Reba Collins, rebackco@gmail.com.

Events and Information

Generosity Resources for Congregations

The UMC website www.umcsgiving.org has resources for congregations to use to encourage generous giving. The program is called "Together We Do More," and includes worship resources, videos, and social media images. [Learn more here.](#)

Festival of Sharing September 15

The 2018 Festival of Sharing is Saturday, September 15 from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. The main collection site is the STEAM Innovation Center Otterbein University (60 Collegeview Road, Westerville, OH 43081). They will be collecting School kits, Hygiene Kits and Emergency Cleanup Buckets. Please [click here](#) for kit instructions.

Stephen Ministry Workshop September 15

Bexley UMC, 2657 E. Broad St., Columbus, will be holding a Stephen Ministry workshop open to individuals and members who would like to learn more about equipping themselves for Christian care and support. Saturday, September 15th, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Registration begins at 8:00 am, and refreshments will be served. This workshop is an excellent opportunity for church leaders and other members to learn about the Stephen Series, a ministry system that equips and mobilizes laypeople for effective caring ministry. The cost of the workshop is \$15 per person or \$50 for a group of four or more from the same congregation. For more information, or to register for the Stephen Ministry Introductory Workshop, call Stephen Ministries at (314) 428-2600. You can also register online at www.stephenministry.org/workshop.

7th annual Steps of Faith 5K & Food Drive September 16

Join us on Sunday, September 16 at 4:00 PM as we run & walk for all abilities in Westerville, Ohio @Alum Creek Park! Proceeds will support special needs children in central Ohio (Heinzerling Community) and Nicaragua (Tesoros de Dios / Bradley's House of Hope). A Food Drive is being organized at the race by Drew Reed, a member of Church of the Messiah and Life Scout from Boy Scout Troop 560 as his Eagle Scout Service Project. Participants and spectators will be invited to bring food items. Food items will be collected by the scouts and donated locally to the food pantry at the Westerville Area Resource Ministry. Register for the 5K run, walk & food drive by visiting this link: [Steps of Faith 5K Run/Walk & Food Drive](#)

Our Town Too: Untold Stories from the Border to Columbus September 21

Friday, September 21, 6:00 – 8:30 pm at the Franklinton Playhouse, 566 W. Rich St., Columbus. Join us for a staged reading that will mark you. We have collected impactful and at times heart wrenching stories of immigrants that are now local Columbus residents. These staged readings will allow you to step into the shoes of these brave families and individuals that have crossed the border as we share the stories of their journey. About Avanza Together: Avanza Together (www.avanzatogether.org) is a local advocacy group. Our mission in Central Ohio immigrant families together and provide assistance with deportation defense. We've been doing this work for almost 2 years now and the work is more important now than ever! [RSVP](#)

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.](#)



Women's Wellness Conference September 29

Held at Northwest UMC, 5200 Riverside Dr., Columbus, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm, guest speakers, demonstrations, workshops; breakfast and lunch included! For information and tickets, [click 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.

Building Bridges: Lessons on Civility and Religious Harmony in Times of Intolerance and Conflict October 6

You are invited to attend the Lahore Ahmadiyya Islamic Society's annual symposium, which will be held on Saturday, October 6, 2018, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, at the Marriott University Area, 3100 Olentangy River Rd. CAN clergy Rev. Colleen Ogle and Rev. John Wallace will be presenters. Lunch will be provided at no charge. The symposium is titled "Building Bridges - Lessons on Civility and Religious Harmony in Times of Intolerance and Conflict". RSVP by September 22 to Fazeel Khan, fazskhan@aol.com.

Dealing with the Loss of a Spouse or Partner October 9

The death of a spouse or partner brings a unique kind of pain. If you've been widowed, you haven't simply lost a loved one - you've lost an entire lifestyle. We'll review teachings from expert Christian counselors, authors, and pastors over this two-hour class that will give new insight into your loss and move you on the path toward healing. Light refreshments provided. RSVP to Katy Wheat (kwheat@trinityumchurch.com) Tuesday, October 9 | 6 - 8 PM | Trinity United Methodist Church - Chapel (1581 Cambridge Blvd., Columbus, 43212)



Powell UMC Used Book Sale October 10

Powell UMC, 825 E. Olentangy St., Powell (Powell Road West of SR 315), Saturday, October 10, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Hundreds of books, reasonably priced: Children's books, Fiction, Non-Fiction of all types including: Sports, Crafts, History, Spiritual and many more. Donations of gently used books for the sale

may be brought to the church beginning Sunday July 29th. The Book Box for donations will be located by the Welcome Center. On Saturday September 15th a Book Drop Off will be held at the church from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Proceeds from the sale support missions of the church.

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.



Summer Impact at Hyde Park Community Church

Are you a youth group, women's group, men's group, young adult group, or an otherwise eclectically congregating group of individuals with a desire to serve and give back this summer? Your group is invited to come and serve for a week (Sunday - Friday) alongside ministries in Cincinnati participating in building projects, day camps, delivering furniture, communing with those who are experiencing homelessness and sickness, and more. To find out more information about what your week will look like, cost (\$190/person if registered by the end of 2018), and to register please visit:

<http://hydeparkchurch.org/summer-impact/>

Classifieds

Help Wanted

[Contemporary Worship Band Leader, Linworth UMC](#)

[Preschool Teachers, St. Mark's UMC](#)

[Director, Horizon Prison Initiative](#)

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

[Contemporary Worship Leader, Bexley UMC](#)

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

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

[Worship Leader, Linworth UMC](#)

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

[Student Recruiter, United Theological Seminary](#)

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

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