New this week: PAUMCS fall conference September 26; UM Rural Advocates Webinar trainings start September 12; Second round of collaborative flood buckets will be assembled on October 2 at Linworth UMC - churches are needed to participate; Ways you can support DACA; Christian Bluegrass Concert at York Center UMC September 24; “Gates Ajar” spiritual musical at Centenary UMC October 29

District Prayer Requests

Prayer Requests for the Week of September 11:
Belleville First UMC – Rev. Ben Shaeffer
Centenary UMC – Rev. Callon Holloway
Additionally this week, these churches have requested that our churches pray for their mission “to Make Disciples for Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World” and for those impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Here is a link to the weekly prayer list.

Hurricane Relief

- Watch for updates on relief efforts through the West Ohio Conference website here. It will be kept up to date with information.
- Several CAN churches are working collaboratively to assemble flood buckets. Another round of flood buckets will be assembled at Linworth UMC on October 2. If your church can help with donations for the next wave of flood buckets contact Rev. Matt Yoder, myoder@linworthumc.org
- If you would like to volunteer send your contact information to Kris Shoaf, kshoaf@wocumc.org. She is maintaining a spreadsheet of volunteers and will send out the invitation to volunteer as soon as we are asked.
- Flood Bucket Drop Off Locations across the Conference can be found here.

DACA Next Steps

Click here to see what action you can take to support the DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) program.

Trainings

UM Rural Advocates Webinar Trainings
The United Methodist Rural Advocates presents four workshops to help your church grow in the areas of mission, leadership, vision and evangelism. Workshop leaders are effective leaders, understand the small membership church, and will help your local church leaders develop and lead both church and community. REGISTER HERE
Mission: Neighbors helping neighbors to make a difference in our community Tuesday, September 12 at 7:00 pm EST, led by Dr. Alan Rice and Dr. Debbie Rice

Leadership – Equip, Encourage and Support for your church and all it can be for Christ Tuesday, November 7 at 7:00 pm EST led by Rev. Debbie Ketcham

Vision and Mission – how to develop Vision and guide your church into the future Tuesday, January 7 at 7:00 pm EST Led by Rev. Roger Grace

Evangelism – See All the People: Intentional Discipleship in a Rural Setting Thursday, April 12 at 7:30 pm led by Rev. Junius Dotson and Jodi Cataldo

For more information & registration contact: Carl Ellis Email: cellis@larcm.org or call: 785-445-2595

Opiate Roundtable Discussion September 14
A round table discussion about the Opiate Crisis will be held on Thursday, September 14 from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at Scioto Ridge UMC, 4343 Dublin Rd., Hilliard. Please save the date, register and find a promotional flyer here.

PAUMCS Fall Conference September 26
The 2017 Fall Conference of the Ohio Professional Administrators of the United Methodist Connectional Structure (PAUMCS) will be held on Tuesday, September 26, at the West Ohio Conference Center, 32 Wesley Blvd, Worthington. Registration and continental breakfast starts at 8:00 am, and the conference is from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. The Ohio Chapter of PAUMCS is proud to welcome Rev. Ryan Dunn from UMCommunications and ReThink Church, Nashville, TN, who will speak on "Social Media and the Church." RaNae Street, Director of Discipleship Resources, West Ohio Conference, will be presenting "Safe Sanctuaries Updated." Cost for members is $20, non-members is $25. Scholarships are available to PAUMCS members and first-time attendees. For the flyer and registration form, click here.

TRACTION TRACK: Family Ties (four-session training) starts September 28
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! Register here.

TRACTION TRACK: Creating a Social Media Strategy for Your Church (two-session training) September 30 and October 28
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. Register here.

TRACTION TRACK: Streamline Your Church's Administrative Structure (single info/intro sessions) choose one date: September 18, 20, 26, 27
Explore the possibility of transitioning to a more nimble and streamlined church administrative structure. Attend any one of four one-hour overview info sessions, to help you discern whether this would be a positive step for your congregation. If you then decide you'd like to move ahead, you can register later for the full Traction Track to train, guide and help you implement this shift over the next six months. Register here.
Congregational Care and Hospital Visitation September 18 – November 6
At Brice UMC, 3160 Brice Rd., Columbus. Classes held on Monday evenings from 6:00 – 8:00 pm September 18 – November 6. Learn about: self-awareness as we visit others, psychological effects of crisis and illness, basic listening skills, care for those with mental illness, grief and end of life, ministry to the elderly/advanced care planning, care for those dealing with trauma, and ministry in the midst of addictions. This training is being provided for congregational volunteers or staff involved in visitation ministries. Registration fee is $20 which covers the cost of the class and a resource binder. For more information and to register please contact Rev. Kristin Langstraat, 614-788-8211 or Kristin.langstraat@ohiohealth.com.

TRACTION TRACK: 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 three identical Traction Track single sessions. Sunday afternoon, October 22: Host location Trinity UMC, Grove City (CAS district)

Retirement Planning Seminar: Mission Possible 2 September 19
The West Ohio Conference wants to partner with you by offering a program designed to Strengthen Your Financial Health: Mission Possible 2. Tuesday, September 19 at Christ Church, 3440 Shroyer Rd., Kettering, OH. 9:30 am (doors open at 9:00 am) until 3:30 pm. Lunch will be provided. Topics include how and when retirement is possible; a retirement plan overview; Wespath services, tax matters, social security and more; and an overview of benefits access. To register email Sandi George, Benefits Coordinator, at sgeorge@wocumc.org.

Fall Lay Servant Ministry Classes Announced
September 22 and 23 – Spiritual Gifts Advanced Course at Centenary UMC
September 23 - Basic Course at Centenary UMC
November 17 and 18 – Leading Worship Advanced Course and Biblical Storytelling Advanced Course at First UMC Lancaster.

Revive and Renewal for Relevant Ministry September 30
Are you fatigued? Do you need a day apart, a break from ministry? Revive & Renew for Relevant Ministry will be September 30, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Camp Wesley, north of Bellefontaine, OH. Download the brochure or call Debbie Ketcham at 614-580-2382 for more information. Space is limited to 100. Find details and registration information here.
Church Safety and Security Workshop October 13
You’ve asked and we are planning a workshop on church safety and security this fall. At Northwest UMC, 5200 Riverside Drive, Columbus. For church leaders and clergy. No cost, lunch is provided. Online Registration is required by October 10.
Registration and Continental Breakfast: 8:30 – 9:00 am
Seminar: 9:00 – 11:00 am
Q & A: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Sack Lunch, time for individual questions: 12:00 pm
Topics covered include consulting, cultivating awareness, developing a safety plan, and starting and developing a security program. The workshop stresses tools other than violence. Includes simulations; dress is casual. Sign up. Sponsored by Capitol Area North District, Protect the Faith, and Thomas Alexander agency Brotherhood Mutual Insurance.
Register here: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094faac22a6fc1-church

2017 All People Conference: Rise Up and Build! October 21 - 23
Key Note Speakers include Bishop John R. Schol from the New Jersey Episcopal Area; Rev Junius B. Dotson, General Secretary, Discipleship Ministries; and Rev. Olu Brown, leader, author, visionary and lead Pastor at Impact Church. Information.

Upcoming classes offered by Living Streams Flowing Water
Spiritual Disciplines Class September 8/9, October 6/7, and November 3/4 Information
The Way of Forgiveness online class October 9 – November 17 Registration information
Online Prayer Class Information Contact Rev. Dr. Brenda K. Buckwell, Obl., OSB 5212 Sara Way, Hilliard, Ohio 43026 brenda@livingstreamsflowingwater.com www.livingstreamsflowingwater.com 614.517.8115

21st Annual Legal Forum October 27
Click here to register for the 21st Annual Legal Forum, held this year at Ohio Wesleyan University on Friday, October 27. Clergy and church lay leadership are encouraged to attend.

Resources
2018 Minimum Salary Guidelines can be found here.

UMCM Grant Applications Available
United Methodist Community Ministries 2018 Local Church Grant application is now available. We are looking to fund ministries that are creative and innovative to reach new disciples for Jesus Christ. The deadline for submission is **October 3, 2017**. Funding limit per church will be $5,000 and will be renewable for 2 years. In addition, we still have funding available for “Micro Grants”, it’s a simple one-page application that can be used as startup money for a new ministry or emergency funding for existing ministries. For more information, visit [https://umcommin.org/](https://umcommin.org/). Find more information [HERE](https://umcommin.org/).

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**Events**

**Annual Ham and Bean Lunch at Zane Cabin September 9**
Saturday September 9th beginning at 11:30 a.m. at Helen Wonders Blue Park on Sandusky Street in Zanesfield, Ohio. Music will be provided by a local dulcimer group, “Peaceful Strings.” This is a rain or shine event. Donations from this event help to maintain the preservation of the historic cabin. On November 13 and 14, 1819, a meeting of the Zanesfield Methodist Mission was held. During this meeting 60 indians accepted Christianity in front of approximately 300 settlers from the area. By 1823, a "Bible Class" was formed at Zanesfield. This marked a very important point in the Methodist Missionary movement in Ohio. To mark the importance of these cabin meetings, the United Methodist Church has marked the Ebenezer Zane Cabin a historic spot within the church. Click for [more historic information](https://umcommin.org/):

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**2017 Linworth UMC Fall Festival September 10**
Our annual Fall Festival is Sunday September 10th from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. It is a community event with lots of fun crafts, games, and activities for the whole family. Free snacks and delicious food trucks as well! There's no better way to kick off the fall than with an afternoon full of fun! Linworth UMC, 7070 Bent Tree Blvd., Columbus, 43235

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**Come to The Gathering and hear Chief of Police Kim Jacobs September 10**
The Gathering is a quarterly event for Reconciling United Methodists and allies in the Central Ohio area. It is a time to gather for fellowship, support, and to hear what is going on in the movement toward full inclusion in the UMC. Columbus Chief of Police Kim Jacobs (a member of the King Ave UMC) will be the guest speaker at the next Gathering. The Gathering will be held on Sunday, September 10, at 3:00 pm, at the Livingston United Methodist Church, 200 E Livingston Ave, Columbus, OH. Refreshments will also be served. All are welcome!

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**Northland Community Bazaar September 16**
An event for anyone to sell or show products they make or grow Examples: hand-made items, homemade food, garden produce. WHY: To bring the community together to promote inclusivity through collaboration WHEN: 10am-2pm (volunteers and vendors arrive by 9:00) WHERE: St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 1450 E. Dublin Granville Rd., 43229 HOW: With Your Help!! To sign up to sell or to
Westside Community Recovery Celebration September 17
Franklin Heights High School, 1001 Demorest Rd., School Gym, Columbus, 43204
Join us for inspirational addiction recovery stories, food trucks, prizes, music, and a special presentation from the Office of Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine.
https://www.facebook.com/RecoveryIsPossibleOH

Festival of Sharing September 23
The annual Festival of Sharing will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2017 at the STEAM Innovation Center at Otterbein University, from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. For information go to www.fosohio.org.

Christian Bluegrass Concert at York Center UMC September 24
The Christian Bluegrass group “Still Climbing” will perform at York Center UMC, 28170 SR 739, West Mansfield, OH 43358, on Sunday, September 24 at 9:30 am. “Still Climbing” is a non-profit Music Ministry. Come and join us for this unique worship experience as we listen to and share fellowship together with this bluegrass group. The public is welcome to attend. Fellowship Brunch will follow the service. There is no admission fee. We will take up a free will offering.

King Avenue United Methodist Church to Host “The Intersection of Racial & LGBTQ Identity” October 1
Talking about race, faith, and sexuality isn’t always easy, but it’s needed now more than ever. King Avenue United Methodist Church is proud to welcome social justice activist and LGBT worship leader Darren Calhoun to Columbus on Sunday, October 1 at 7 p.m. to share his personal journey to bridge the divide that exists between racial and sexual inclusivity. Questions may be addressed to Colleen Ogle, King Avenue Associate Pastor, at 614-424-6050; Ext. 101 or colleen@kingave.org.
Save the Date! Watoto Reads 1st Annual Charity Golf Outing October 7
Will be held at Bent Tree Golf Club in Sunbury, Ohio. Contact Rev. Claudine Leary for information, cleary@mtso.edu.

An Afternoon of Song October 15

Clergy Appreciation Breakfast October 18
Ohio Health is sponsoring a Clergy Appreciation Breakfast Wednesday, October 18, 8:30 am – 10:00 am at the OhioHealth Rehabilitation Hospital, 1087 Dennison Avenue, Columbus, 43201. Congregational leaders are invited for breakfast and to tour of the OhioHealth Rehabilitation Hospital inpatient rehabilitation facility. Register here, including any questions you’d like them to address: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OHRHClergyBreakfast

“Gates Ajar” Spiritual Musical October 29
Will you hear, "well done my good and faithful servant?" "Gates Ajar" spiritual musical has been rescheduled to Sunday, October 29, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Musicians, soloists, combined choir, and dance ministry from Centenary UMC * Clair UMC* Wesley Church of Hope UMC. A love offering will be collected.
Centenary UMC, 2048 Denune Avenue, Columbus, OH 43211, Office: 614-428-9924, centenarycares@gmail.com

November 3 and 4
Church of the Messiah, 51 N. State St., Westerville, invites you to minister to the blended families in your congregations by spreading the word about an upcoming event with a nationally known expert/speaker/author on Blended Families. Ron L. Deal, President of Smart Stepfamilies, will present a Friday evening and Saturday morning Conference, November 3 & 4 at Church of the Messiah in Westerville. This is a great opportunity to hear from an expert in the field of blended families. For more info or to register, go to “EVENTS” on Messiah’s webpage, www.messiahumc.net and scroll down to November 3 & 4 to register and find out more about it. Building a Successful Stepfamily is a practical yet comprehensive seminar that teaches adults how to care for the unique needs and issues of a
blended family, and nurture a household of faith. You will benefit if you are in a blended family or if you minister to blended families.

Classifieds

Help Wanted

Tech Director, North Broadway UMC
Accompanist, Church of the Master