

# West Ohio Conference Capitol Area North



**New this week:** *Fair Labor Standards Act* – this legislation could affect many church employees. Please make sure your church is compliant – link to information below; Author Melissa Spoelstra will present her study *First Corinthians: Living Love When We Disagree* at Lithopolis UMC; Director of Clergy Recruitment, Candidacy and Licensing position available at the West Ohio Conference.

## ***Our Life Together: Mission, Ministry, Future October 12 at Linworth UMC***

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[Registration](#) deadline is October 3.

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## **News, Trainings and Events**

### **Fair Labor Standards Act**

Read more about how this legislation may affect your church employees.

<http://www.westohioumc.org/conference/news/fair-labor-standards-act-and-you>

### **Elders Still Needed to Preside at Church Conferences**

Elders are needed to preside at church conferences this fall. Dates are below. To sign up to preside just click through this link to a sign up genius: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094faaac22a6fc1-presiding> . If you need assistance with signing up just reply to this email and I am happy to sign up for you!

### **Church Conference Dates and Locations:**

Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm at Marion Epworth UMC – 2 Elders needed

Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm at Bellefontaine UMC – 3 Elders needed

Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm at Marysville First UMC

Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm at Indian Run UMC – 1 Elder needed

Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm at Trinity UMC

Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm at Church of the Redeemer UMC – 1 Elder needed

Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 pm at Harlem Road UMC – 4 Elders needed

Monday, November 21, 7:00 pm at Broad Street UMC – 2 Elders needed

### **ESL Ministry Needs Teachers**

Interested in helping adults learn English? Eastside ESL ministry is in need of more teachers on both Monday and Tuesday evenings from 6-7:30 pm. The Classes are located in Whitehall UMC. If you are interested, contact Rev. Jean Schafer at [614-354-6631](tel:614-354-6631) or [schaferjean75@gmail.com](mailto:schaferjean75@gmail.com)

### **Church Curriculum Share Group on Facebook**

There is a new Facebook group designed to let small group leaders share curriculum, resources and ideas across the conference. Please let others in your church know that they can request to be a part of

the *Church Curriculum Share Group* on Facebook, or email [krisshoaf@powellumc.org](mailto:krisshoaf@powellumc.org) to request to become a member of the group.

### **Volunteers Needed at the Charitable Pharmacy**

The Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio provides medication and pharmacy services at no cost to vulnerable individuals in Franklin County. **Volunteers can help by sorting medications and shelving inventory.** If you are interested, please call 614-227-0301 or email [charitablepharmacy@gmail.com](mailto:charitablepharmacy@gmail.com). The pharmacy is located in downtown Columbus at 200 E. Livingston Avenue (Livingston United Methodist Church).

**October is Pastor Appreciation Month** Find ideas on appreciating your pastor [here](#).

### **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](#).



### **Five Truths About the Bible (and What They Tell Us About LGBT People)**

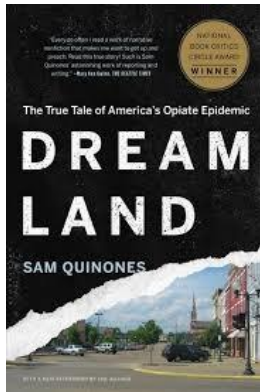
#### **October 2**

The King Avenue UMC ‘Changing the Conversation’ Speaker Series will feature John Shore on October 2 at 7:00 pm at the church. The program will spotlight what John believes clarifies, in no uncertain terms, what every Christian is called upon to believe – and proclaim – about LGBT people.

### **Retired college president speaks on lessons learned after active shooting**

#### **October 4**

Rita Cavin was interim president of Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Oregon, in October 2015 when an active shooter killed eight students and a faculty member before taking his own life. Several others were wounded. Cavin, who is now retired, will share what she learned through the experience in a public conversation at Methodist Theological School in Ohio. “Keeping Your Head Above Trauma: Lessons to Share” begins at 7 p.m. Oct. 4 in the Alford Centrum on the MTSO campus, 3081 Columbus Pike in Delaware. This conversation is free and open to all.



## **2016 Sprague Lecture: A Faith-Based Approach to the Opiate Epidemic**

### **October 5**

Wednesday, October 5, 9:45am-3:00pm with optional evening event 5:45-7:45pm

North Broadway UMC, 48 E. North Broadway, Columbus OH 43214

Featuring Sam Quinones, author of Dreamland: The True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic who will discuss the increasing use of legal opioids and heroin in the United States. A panel of local experts on the front lines of this crisis will address the legal, medical, treatment, and faith-based responses to this epidemic. Bishops Palmer and Sprague will also speak. Cost: \$25, with \$5 for students. Lunch included. The Wednesday Connections night session will feature a Q&A session led by Joe Blundo with the author. Dinner is served 5:45-6:20pm, and program will be 6:30-7:45pm, donations accepted. [Flyer](#) to print and share with your congregation. [Register here.](#)

### **'Steps Toward Healing' Grief Support Group Starts October 5**

A grief support group for adults who have lost a loved one, held at Dublin Methodist Hospital or the Kobacker House, Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. [Information](#)

### **Retired Clergy Luncheon October 6**

We had a great time at our first Retired Clergy meeting in August. We scheduled a second get-together for Thursday, October 6, at MCL Cafeteria at 3154 Kingsdale Center, Upper Arlington. This is just south of Fishinger Road between the Giant Eagle Store and the closed Macy's store. They have a separate room that is reserved. We will meet at 11:30 am. Phillip Brooks is the leader for this get-together. I guess the big question on our minds is how we can support one another. Hope to see you there.

William Tolliver, Retired Minister, 614-620-6556, [ELT1000@aol.com](mailto:ELT1000@aol.com)



### **Watoto Read Dinner and Special Presentation October 8**

[More information](#)

## Annual Chicken Barbecue Saturday October 8

4:30-6:30 pm at York Center UMC 28170 S.R. 739, West Mansfield, Ohio, just south of York Center. Food for a complete meal! Carry-outs available!

## 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 ¼ 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 25<sup>th</sup> or August 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](#)**.

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- Monday, October 3 - Maumee Watershed District at First UMC in Bowling Green
- Tuesday, October 4 - Miami Valley District at Grace UMC in Piqua
- Thursday, October 6 - Shawnee Valley District at Grace UMC in Waverly
- **Wednesday, October 12 - Capitol Area North District at Linworth UMC in Columbus** [Register Here](#) (Deadline to register is October 3.)
- Monday, October 17 - Capitol Area South District at Peace UMC in Pickerington

- Wednesday, October 19 - Foothills District at Hocking Hills UMC in Logan
- Thursday, October 20 - Northwest Plains District at Forest Park UMC in Lima
- Tuesday, October 25 - Ohio River Valley District at Armstrong Chapel UMC in Cincinnati

## Dinner and Concert to Benefit the Organ Fund October 15

At Prospect Street United Methodist Church, 185 S. Prospect Street, Marion, 740-382-6069

Enjoy a delicious dinner followed by a Concert featuring the talent of Prospect Street UMC.

A sit-down dinner will be served between 5:00 and 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Concert will start at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. \$25 – includes dinner and the concert. Call the church office for tickets, 740-382-6069. All proceeds will be given to the Organ Fund!

## Emergency Response Trainings Scheduled October 15 and 22

Combined ERT Basic and Recertification at Epworth UMC (MWD) October 15<sup>th</sup>

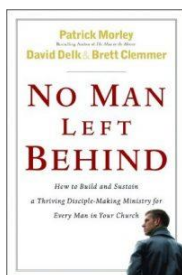
<http://www.westohioumc.org/conference/event/regional-early-response-training-epworth-umc>

ERT training October 22 in Ohio River Valley District

<http://www.westohioumc.org/conference/event/early-response-training-cornerstone-umc>

## When Kids Come Out” a Four-Session Class for Parents of LGBT Children starts October 19

When a child comes out to his/her/their family, it often raises many questions for both the child and for the family. For example: What does it mean for the family when the child comes out to their parents? What does it mean for the parents’ relationship to their church? What does it mean for the parents’ own faith? How do parents navigate their own “coming out” after their children have come out to them? These questions are among those that will be addressed in a four-session class that will be held on Wednesday evenings from October 19 through November 9 at Worthington UMC, 600 High St., Worthington, 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Look for signs directing you to the class. The Rev. Jim Waugh, retired pastor in the West Ohio Conference, will lead the group. Jim and his wife Carol have an adult daughter Lisa who came out to them several years ago. You can contact Jim with questions at [jwaugh3@mac.com](mailto:jwaugh3@mac.com). [Bulletin insert.](#)



## Understanding Men’s Ministry October 21-October 22

What: A course offered by West Ohio Conference (WOC) United Methodist Men (UMM) for starting and growing men’s ministries in the local church. Based on the book *No Man Left Behind*, WOC is bringing in Lee Donley and Mark DeHority to lead 10-hour leadership training for district and local leaders of UMM groups, pastors and men’s ministry leaders.

Where: Hosted by North Broadway UMC (48 E. North Broadway, Columbus, OH 43214)

When: Friday, October 21, 2016 (7:00-9:00PM) and Saturday, October 22, 2016 (8:00AM-4:00PM)

How: [Online Registration Page](#) – register online with credit/debit card by September 12 to save \$15.

More information: <http://north-broadway.org/umm/>



## The All People Conference at the Church for All People October 22 – 24

Featuring Bishop Minerva Carcano and Bishop Gregory V. Palmer. Find registration information [here](#).

## Women's Retreat Featuring Melissa Spoelstra October 22

Melissa will be sharing from her latest book: *First Corinthians: Living Love When We Disagree*. Relationships are messy – we're all different and imperfect. Join us as we learn how to work through our differences by sharing the love of Jesus Christ. Cost is \$35, which includes lunch. Register online at [www.LithopolisUMC.org](http://www.LithopolisUMC.org) or by phone 614-837-2230. Lithopolis UMC, 80 N. Market St., Lithopolis OH 43136

Wednesday  
OCTOBER 26  
7:00-8:30pm

Agenda

SHORT DOCUMENTARY  
PANEL DISCUSSION  
LAOS FOLK DANCERS

Where

LINWORTH UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH

7070 Bent Tree Blvd.  
Columbus, OH 43235

a community conversation

HEALING

Laos' wounds of war

Join Legacies of War, Linworth United Methodist Church and other Central Ohio leaders as we look back at Laos' history and learn how unexploded bombs in Laos affect present day life. Be a part of the conversation about how we can all partner together to move forward. Free and open to all!

## Mobilizing Faith-Based Community Organizations in Preparing for Disaster October 27

One-day training held in Kenton, Ohio. This course emphasizes grassroots mobilization and coordination efforts as a means of engaging all faith communities, thereby reaching those marginalized communities most vulnerable to disaster, most frequently excluded from the planning process, and ultimately, most difficult to aid in recovery. This course introduces vital emergency management concepts to FBCO leaders, many of whom will have had no prior experience with emergency management and also seeks to educate emergency managers and first responders about the critical role FBCOs can play in strengthening preparedness. [Information](#). Register by October 13.



## **Legal Forum October 28**

Legal Issues Churches May Run Into

- Getting to "Yes" – A Case Study for Church Conflict Resolution
- The New FLSA Regulations & Local Churches
- When Churches Go To Court
- General Conference Legislation Update

Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am – 4:00 pm at Ohio Northern University, Ada, Ohio

Cost is \$35 and **registration opens online on September 1**. Contact Joy Perry with questions, [jperry@wocumc.org](mailto:jperry@wocumc.org)

## **Conflict Resolution and the Art of Mediation October 29**

United Theological Seminary will present a course on Conflict Resolution, led by Rev. Dr. Brenda Buckwell. [Information](#).

## **CHANGE of DATE!! Clergy Day Apart – Life Together: Living the Covenant**

**November 30** Save the date! Watch for details and registration information in September.

## **UTS Sponsors Holy Spirit Seminar: Activating the Gifts of the Spirit of Ministry December 2**

God has gifted the church with equipping ministries. Apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers and evangelists are sent by Jesus to impart and activate gifts and anointings for the work of the ministry. Join United Theological Seminary and Aldersgate Renewal Ministries for the 5th Annual Holy Spirit Seminar, "Activating Gifts of the Spirit for Ministry," on Friday, Dec. 2, 2016. Encounter a time of spiritual growth, impartation and activation through the anointed leadership of speaker Larry Randolph. Visit [www.united.edu/holy-spirit](http://www.united.edu/holy-spirit) to learn more, or click below to register now. <http://united.edu/holy-spirit-seminar-activation/>

## **Mission Trip to Piedras Negras January, 2017**

Rev. John Keeny is leading a mission trip to the Casa de Misericordia orphanage in Piedras Negras, Mexico January 12 – 16, 2017. Piedras Negras is located just across the border from Eagle Pass, Texas. The team will depart from Columbus airport early on January 12. Our time at the orphanage will be spent on light construction-related projects and playing with the children. On Sunday we will participate in a variety of worship services. We will depart early on Monday, January 16 and arrive in Columbus late that evening. Participation is limited to 12 members, and spots will be filled on first-come, first served basis. The cost of the trip is about \$850, and includes airfare, construction project costs, ground transportation, lodging and meals. Contact Rev. John Keeny for additional information, [jkeeney9@hotmail.com](mailto:jkeeney9@hotmail.com).

## **Trip to the Holy Land March 2017**

Rev. Mebane McMahan 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](mailto:mebmcmahon1@aol.com)

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## **Classifieds**

### **Help Wanted**

Find additional information on these positions [here](#).

**Director of Clergy Recruitment, Candidacy and Licensing**, WOC

**Executive Director, West Side Free Store**

**Full-time Administrative Assistant**, Bexley UMC

**Nursery Coordinator**, Jerome UMC

**Contemporary Worship Keyboard/Drummer**, New Albany UMC