

# West Ohio Conference

## Capitol Area North



**New this week:** Short North Church “Give and Get Sale” this Saturday, volunteers are needed; Health Insurance meetings, rates announced for 2018; UM Communications offers Advent Resources including \$400 in free promotional materials from Outreach.com; Epworth UMC Columbus Craft Show November 4; Disaster Response – any remaining flood buckets or other relief kits/items should be delivered to the West Ohio Conference Center before November 10; Administrative Assistant needed at Indian Run UMC;

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## **District Items**

### **Charge Conferences**

The CAN charge conference season has started! Click [here](#) for reminders on how to prepare, what to bring, how to enter information online, and for the charge conference agenda and other information. Contact the district office if you have any questions about your charge conference. Remember that there are new minimum salary guidelines for 2018, so please make sure that your SPRC has those minimums. They can be found [here](#).

### **2018 Apportionments**

Churches were sent a letter that listed 2018 apportionments. *Note that the district apportionment amount was listed in total.* If you need a breakdown between community ministries and the district amount please contact the district office.

### **District Prayer Requests**

***Prayer Requests for the Week of October 22:***

**Wesley Glen – Rev. Dawn Swartz**

**Stonybrook UMC – Rev. Lou Seipel and Rev. Nikki Baker**

We are having an *Elephant in the Room* Conference focused on teen mental health, scheduled on November 4th, from 8:30 to 12:15 pm. Five workshops are available with a choice of 3 in that morning. Guests are welcome.

We are currently involved in the *Unbinding the Gospel* Series, in which 5 new classes will begin this week. In Lent, this will be our church-wide study. This is producing wonderful experiences, insights, and initiatives.

Stonybrook is in the development phase of creating a 501 c3, to expand its mission and outreach efforts. Prayers for the Spirit’s guidance would be appreciated.

**Trinity UMC – Rev. Wade Giffin, Rev. Katy Wheat Borhauer, Rev. Rocky Riddle**

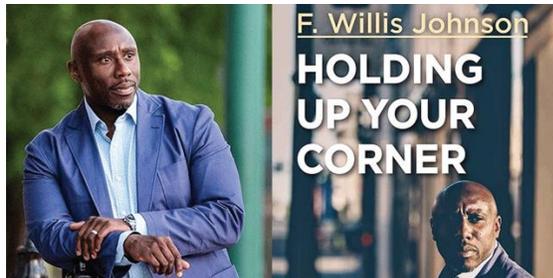
[Here is a link to the weekly prayer list.](#)

### **Puerto Rico Assistance Kits, Tool Kit**

There is an immediate need for assistance in Puerto Rico. [Click here](#) for information on what and how to send items, and for a toolkit on how to have vital conversations on what is happening there.

## Disaster Response Update

Any remaining flood buckets or other kits should be taken to the West Ohio Conference Center before **November 10.**



### **Holding Up Your Corner event with Rev. Dr. F. Willis Johnson Jr. November 2**

Clergy are invited to join Rev. Dr. F. Willis Johnson, author of *Holding Up Your Corner: Talking About Race in Your Community*, as he shares about his experiences in Ferguson, Missouri and offers ways that we can bring conversations about race to our congregations. Sponsored by CAN and CAS. Lunch will be provided; please RSVP by Monday, October 30. Held at Christ UMC, 1480 Zettler Rd., Columbus. [RSVP here.](#) [Learn more.](#)

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## News



### **Conference Sets Health Insurance Meetings**

2018 Health Insurance information meetings are being held throughout the conference. The meeting in the CAN district is on Tuesday, December 5 at 10:30 am at the West Ohio Conference Center. [Click here](#) for more information. [Click here](#) for 2018 insurance rates.



### **Advent Resources**

**Simplify Your Christmas** Ideas from UM Communications on simplifying this Christmas season. [Read more.](#)

**Advent Outreach Ideas** <http://www.umcom.org/learn/4-great-advent-outreach-ideas>

**Christmas and Advent Memes** for use on Facebook or for projection [here.](#)

**Advent Resources** Advertising and promotional pieces, sermon starters and videos. [Free downloads available](#), and Outreach.com is offering \$400 in free promotional materials to UM churches. [Learn more here.](#) [Rethink Church national advertising campaign – videos available](#)

## Responding to Gun Violence

The UM Board of Church and Society offers a resource, grounded in scripture and in our church statements on gun violence, that was created to aid conversations around gun violence. The [Gun Violence Pastoral Cheat Sheet](#) is a quick-reference resource offering guidance for pastors on how to speak about gun violence in congregational settings that run the gamut in their views on this issue. To learn more about how United Methodists understand gun violence and our call to respond, visit our [gun violence prevention webpage](#).

## Mental Health Outreach Services Available

Columbus Area Integrated Health Services offers mental health training for church leadership and members, community resource materials, and links to services available in the community. CAIHS's faith based outreach services bridge the gap between community services and faith-based organizations. [More information](#), or for training and crisis prevention call 614-251-6954.

## Good Works Summer Internship

This internship is primarily an opportunity for discipleship as our ministry reaches out and engages with teens, children and adults who struggle with poverty in rural Ohio. Interns join our community for 9 weeks. We work together, as the body of Christ to care for a wide range of people. The focus of this internship is Leadership Development. [Read more](#).

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## Trainings

### The Heartbeat of Leadership October 19 and 26

Do you want to move your leadership from relevance to prayer? Registration now open! Increasing personal and professional leadership. A Webinar - Two days only - October 19 & 26, 2017 - Time: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm CT (All sessions recorded if you are unable to make the complete webinar) For complete details and registration please go to <https://www.umccybercampus.com/courses-degrees/> or on the upcoming events page at [www.livingstreamsflowingwater.com](http://www.livingstreamsflowingwater.com)

### TRACTION TRACK: Breakthrough Prayer Initiative (one session training)

#### October 22

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 \(CAS district\)](#)

### 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Legal Forum October 27

Click [here](#) to register for the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Legal Forum, held this year at Ohio Wesleyan University on Friday, October 27. Clergy and church lay leadership are encouraged to attend.

### TRACTION TRACK: Creating a Social Media Strategy for Your Church (two-session training) 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](#).

## 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](#)

**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](mailto:cellis@larcm.org) or call: 785-445-2595



## Fall Lay Servant Ministry Classes

November 17 and 18 – [Leading Worship Advanced Course](#) and [Biblical Storytelling Advanced Course](#) at First UMC Lancaster.

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## Events

### Short North Church “Give and Get Sale” October 21

Join the Short North Church for the first of its many Love Alive service events in the form of a Give and Get Sale at 25 W. Fifth Ave. from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm this Saturday. As we prepare to renovate our space many items need new homes, including books, shelving, fixtures and more. Donations benefit UMCOR Hurricane relief. Volunteers needed tonight and tomorrow before the sale. To volunteer contact [vickinich@gmail.com](mailto:vickinich@gmail.com).

### MTSO faculty lecture connects theology, ecology and race October 24

Elaine Nogueira-Godsey, assistant professor of theology, ecology and race, delivers her faculty lecture, "Connecting Theology, Ecology and Race: A Conversation on Environmental Justice," at 7 p.m. Oct. 24 in the Alford Centrum on the MTSO campus, 3081 Columbus Pike in Delaware. It is free and open to the public. Nogueira-Godsey brings a global perspective to her teaching and scholarly research. A native of Brazil, where she received her bachelor's degree, she earned her master's and Ph.D. from the University of Cape Town in South Africa. She has written extensively on the intersection of ecology, race, gender and theology. In July, the GlobalChurch Project named Nogueira-Godsey one of "18 Latin American female theologians you should know about."

### “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](mailto: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](http://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.

## Epworth UMC Craft Show November 4

Epworth United Methodist Church (5100 Karl Rd, Columbus) is having a craft show on Saturday, November 4, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Vendors from all over Central Ohio will be selling a variety of unique crafts. New Americans have also been invited to have a table or two to sell their specialty items. Lunch will also be served at a reasonable cost. It's a great opportunity to think about Christmas gifts, and to enjoy the handiwork of these creative artists. We hope to see you there!

## Hangry Turkey Walk November 11

Join the Church for All People at the Hangry Turkey walk/run on November 11, 2017 at 9:00am at Three Creeks Metro Park. All money raised will go to provide a free Thanksgiving community meal at the Reeb Avenue Center. For more information contact Pastor Greg Henneman at [ghenneman@4allpeople.net](mailto:ghenneman@4allpeople.net) and register at <https://www.active.com/groveport-oh/running/distance-running-races/hangry-turkey-4-miler-1-4-marathon-1-mile-kids-fun-run-2017>. Help us bring the abundance of God's love to Columbus' South Side.

## Global Migration Special Offering December 3

The Connectional Table and Council of Bishops have designated Sunday, December 3, 2017 as *Global Migration Sunday* to raise funds to aid migrants and refugees. The group set the date for the special day of prayer and offering for migrants to be the first Sunday of Advent, Dec. 3 this year. That means the collection will occur during the season when Christians around the world remember that even Jesus and his family were at one-time refugees on the run from political violence. [Read more.](#)

## Mission Opportunity for Building a House in the Henderson Settlement Area during the Spring and Summer of 2018

**What:** West Ohio Conference VIM construction project - SOWER (Sharing Our Witness - Enriching Relationships)

**Objective:** To construct a house from the foundation up for a family in need

**Where:** Henderson Settlement, Frakes KY (Part of the Red Bird Missionary Conference)

**When:** May 8-12 & 13-19; July 8-14 & 15-21; August 12-18 & 19-25 of 2018

**Cost:** \$260/volunteer (covers room and board at Henderson Settlement)

**Materials:** Funds/pledges are needed to cover the materials cost

**Contact:** Ralph and Carolyn Brandon - 740-344-5581 or [sowervimproject@gmail.com](mailto:sowervimproject@gmail.com)

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## ***Classifieds***

### **Help Wanted**

[Administrative Assistant, Indian Run UMC](#)

[Worship and Youth Leader, Bellefontaine First UMC](#)

[Choir Directory, Trinity UMC](#)

[Executive Secretary to the Bishop](#)