

New this week: Prayer requests; CAN Clergy Epiphany Party January 11; Bishops consider three models for church future; Website designer needed for Worthington UMC; Firefighters for Kids toy distribution sites

Prayer Requests

Rev. George Copus, Retired Elder, suffered a heart attack and is at the OSU Ross Heart Hospital. Please keep him in your prayers.

District Prayer Requests *Prayer Requests for the Week of November 19:*

Extension Ministers - Rev. Harold Hartley III, Rev. David Hett, Rev. Joyce Michael, Rev. Jodi Oats, Rev. Rebecca Scott Ozcomert

Please pray for our extension ministers, as some of them are in ministry very far away from their families

Bethel International UMC - Rev. Mike Pratt and Rev. Miran Lee

Please pray for the campus ministry, especially for the jobs in Columbus area after their graduation so that they can stay in Columbus.

Worthington UMC - Rev. Cyndy Garn and Rev. John Girard

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

District Items



CAN Epiphany Party

The Capitol Area North District Epiphany Party for clergy (active, retired, extension ministers) and their families will be held on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at Der Dutchman Restaurant in Plain City. Doors open at 5:30, and dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. Cost is \$10/adult meal, payable at the door. To register contact the district office, capitolareanorth@wocumc.org, 614-222-0602 by January 5.

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](#).

News

Bishops Consider 3 Models for Church's Future

[Read more](#)

Encouraging Health Care Enrollment through the Federal Exchange

Enrollment is now open for those who buy their insurance through the federal or state-based exchange. There are two significant changes this year. First, the enrollment window has been cut in half; enrollment is only open until Dec. 15. Second, the budget for advertising has been nearly eliminated. Many in your congregations and communities might not know that open enrollment has already begun or that they only have another five weeks to sign up. We, as United Methodists believe that health care is a basic human right. The way people access health care in the U.S. is through health insurance, so it is our responsibility to help people get enrolled. A group of faith-based organizations has come together to create [#Souls2Enroll](#). The campaign provides resources for congregational leaders who want to help people in their communities sign up for health insurance. To learn how you can get involved, there are three upcoming national conference calls. The call-in number is 712.451.0436, and the access code is 845827. The calls will be: Monday, Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m. EST, Monday, Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m. EST, and Monday, Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m. EST. They've also created [this toolkit](#).



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](#)

Firefighters for Kids Toy Distribution

[Click here](#) for information on the Firefighters for Kids toy distribution process for this year in the city of Columbus. Please feel free to share with your congregation.

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.](#)

Trainings

Nonviolent Communication Workshops Offered Nov 28, Dec 12, Jan 9

Free Workshops: "Speaking Honestly without Judging" Building a South Side Compassionate Community Working Together, with Respect for All Nonviolent Communication (NVC) Workshops

Tuesday, November 28, 2017, 9:00 am – 10:30 am "The Power of Deep Listening -- for Needs of Self and Others"

Tuesday, December 12, 2017, 9:00 am – 10:30 am "Seeking Mutuality, with Respect for All"

Tuesday, January 9, 2017, 9:00 am – 10:30 am "Transforming Reactive Judgments to Empowered Response"

The Ohio State University College of Social Work, Office of Continuing Education 1.5 CEU/clock hours for each workshop Participants may register for 1 workshop at a time, or the 4-part series (NO COST TO ATTEND) To Register, contact Tom Carlisi: carlisiandassociates@gmail.com

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](#)

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

Events

Global Migration Sunday December 3 – resources, giving information

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.](#)

Global Migration Sunday is an opportunity for the denomination to support the 65 million displaced people around the world and deepen the understanding of the biblical call to welcome and care for the displaced. Resources and promotion materials are available as you plan for this meaningful Sunday, including an offering talk, PowerPoint slides, an infographic, social media assets, logos and digital banners. Download them [here](#).

Welcoming the Stranger: With our Heads, Hearts and Hands 2nd Annual Interfaith Prayer Gathering and Community Potluck December 10

In collaboration with Community Refugee and Immigration Services (CRIS), join us on Sunday, December 10, at 5:00 pm for a Prayer Service, and at 6:00 pm, for a potluck dinner – bring covered dish to share with ingredients listed on index card, at Broad Street Presbyterian Church, 760 E. Broad St., Columbus. Parking available in the church lot. Sponsored by Interfaith Association of Central Ohio. RSVP by December 8 to office@iaco.org.

CAN and CAS Retirees Luncheon December 14

The next meeting of the Retired Ministers will be Thursday, December 14 at 11:30 am at MCL Cafeteria, 3154 Kingsdale Center, Upper Arlington 43221. After lunch we will share personal memories (three minutes each) of a meaningful Christmas season experience. Give some thought to a special recollection (humorous or serious) from sometime in your ministry. All who wish to share will have the opportunity. This should be a fascinating, memorable, and fun time together! All Retired Clergy and Spouses are invited to attend. For more information, contact Bill Tolliver at 614-620-6556.

Winter Camp 2018 December 28 - 30

Thursday - Saturday, Dec 28 – 30 Camp Otterbein, Wesley and Widewater

Drop-Off 5:00 pm Thursday, Pick-Up 7:00 pm Saturday

Cost \$89 students, \$45 adults with group

Ages: 7 - 17

Enjoy God's creation in winter, with winter games, ice blocking and plenty of hot chocolate.

Warm worship studying (theme to be decided). Register by December 21, online or download forms at www.westhiocamps.org.



Summer Impact at Hyde Park UMC – Interns, Youth Groups needed

Summer Impact groups work alongside nine city ministry partners ministering to children in a camp setting or literacy setting, working alongside contractors as they create affordable housing, alongside a furniture bank distributing furniture to families who have just obtained permanent housing, as well as many other partners and experiences. Hyde Park Community UMC employ 3-5 interns each summer. Interns are the heart and soul of the experience. They spend their time leading Bible studies, serving

alongside the teams for the week, helping to coordinate and lead nightly worship, and ultimately serving as the connection point between the teams who come to serve and our ministry partnerships. You can find more internship specifics and information at www.hydeparkchurch.org/summer-impact-internship/. If you are part of a church group looking for an unforgettable mission experience of building relationships with those in the city, visit <http://hydeparkchurch.org/2018-dates-registration-cost/> for available dates, cost, and to submit a group application. [More information](#)

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

Classifieds

Help Wanted

[Website Designer, Worthington UMC](#)

[Hope Center Next Gen Director, Marysville/Union County](#)

[Administrative Assistant, Indian Run UMC](#)

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

[Choir Director, Trinity UMC](#)