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Miami Valley District

Free MIV Advent Resource Available To You!

With Labor day behind us, many of us look to the fall and beyond. Before you know it, Advent will be here and then we shift gears toward Christmas.

With that in mind, a team from the district made up of staff and pastors gathered for a day of Advent resource design. We're excited to share with you what we've come up with.



Advent is a season of expectant anticipation and preparation for the arrival of the Christ Child.

Some of our favorite stories are told during this season.

But what if there is more to these stories than we know?

Every good story has a beginning - a foundation that underpins the narratives we come to love.

It is in these backstories that we find new meaning and connection to the stories we've come to know.

One of the biggest trends in the entertainment industry is that of the prequel story. From books to movies, Broadway to television; prequels tell the story of how our favorite stories came to be. And once we experience those stories, we come to know and appreciate the stories we know even more.

Join us this Advent as we look back at the stories behind the stories. We'll connect the stories of the New Testament to the backstories of

the Old Testament.

In doing so, you may find the next chapter of your story.

Backstory: Rediscovering the Advent Season

Be on the lookout for a complete set of worship resources, including videos, graphics, print and written materials. We'll provide calls to worship (traditional and non), exegetical notes, discipleship resources and more. All of these resources are provided at no cost to you. Resources are in the process of being uploaded on our [website!](#)

Holiday Happenings in the MIV

What is your church doing this holiday season to celebrate and/or be the hands and feet of Jesus? Please let the district office know!!



Upcoming MIV Events

Thursday, November 30, 2017

2018 Conference Health Insurance Meeting

Christ Church, Kettering 3440 Shroyer Rd.

Kettering, OH 45429

10:30am - 11:30am

[More Info](#)

Saturday, January 27, 2018

BUILDING BRIDGES ACADEMY - Local Church Leader Training

United Theological Seminary, 4501 Denlinger Rd

8:30am - 3pm

Registration coming soon...



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Job Opportunities in MIV

Worship And Youth Leader - Bellefontaine UMC (CAN)

Aldersgate UMC Children's Ministry Director

Pastor Of Program Ministries, Leader Of Contemporary Worship Service - Normandy UMC

[View Classified Ads](#)

Email the district office [here](#) to add a classified ad to the website.

[Click Here for Recent Appointments](#)

Upcoming Local Events

Holy Land Classic

April 17 - 26, 2018

Educational Opportunities Tours w/ Pastor Gene and Drema Phelps

[See attached flyer for more information](#)

Oberammergau Passion Play

Join Rev Glenn Sweigart of Liberty United Methodist Church on a 9 day European Adventure to see the Oberammergau Passion Play in July 2020. Since 1634, the most famous Passion Play in the world has taken place in Oberammergau. The tradition, maintained and experienced almost without interruption for over 380 years, of putting on the play about the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ every ten years, will be continued for the 42nd time in 2020. It is regarded as the most important Passion Play in the world. [Read more](#)

Upcoming UTS Events



Simply Jesus: Advent Devotional

Bring focus into your busy schedule and experience joy this holiday season through simple spiritual practices that celebrate Christ. This practical devotional tool is designed for individuals, small groups and congregations as they incorporate spiritual formation into everyday life. Group rates available upon request.

[Register Here](#)



6th Annual Holy Spirit Seminar: Holy Fire - Holiness and the Holy Spirit

Amidst days of great uncertainty and adversity, God is calling the Church to

repent and turn to God's love. This call is a call to God's holiness. God desires to deliver us-from sin, from death and from the chains that bind us. As we respond to God's call, we will rediscover liberty and peace in God's holy presence.



On December 1, join us at the Holy Spirit Seminar, as we cry out for a fresh baptism of holy fire. Guest speakers Guillermo Leon Mighty and Adria Ortiz Núñez, co-pastors of Havana Central Methodist Church in Cuba, will lead an exploration into "Holy Fire: Holiness and the Holy Spirit." Until we are captivated by God's presence, described by John Wesley as "holy love," we will never be satisfied. Nothing less than God's holiness will sustain us and keep our hearts burning for Christ.

[Information and Registration Here](#)

Building Leaders: Theological Reflection Models

This hybrid course includes online and face-to-face coursework.

Online: December 8, 2017 - February 16, 2018

Face to Face: January 8-11, 2018,

Instructors: Dr. Marilyn Evans

[Information and Registration Here](#)

Learn to think theologically about supervision of staff, committees, groups and leadership of a congregation. Apply theological reflection models to supervisory case material brought by class members. Gain experience and tools to expand your ability to do theological reflection while engaged in ministry. You will refine the use of theological reflection in supervisory conversations introduced in Building Leaders: A Conversational Model [Formerly Principles and Practice of Supervision, a prerequisite for this course].

LINKS: Marriage Retreat

Reconnect with you spouse on January 19-20, 2018 at the LINKS (Lasting Intimacy Through Nurturing Knowledge and Skills) MarriageRetreat. Instructors Rev. Marty and Veronica McMichael will lead participants through applying biblical foundations for a lasting, healthy marriage. [Register Here](#)



Upcoming WOC Events

For a complete listing of WOC events, click [here](#).

Saturday, December 2, 2017

Meet the Managers of Your Endowments (Conference)

West Ohio Conference Center, 32 Wesley Blvd,



Worthington, OH 43085

10:00am to 12:00pm

[Register Here](#)

WINTER CAMP 2017

December 28-30

Enjoy God's
creation in winter
with winter
games, ice

blocking, and plenty of hot chocolate! Students ages 7 - 17 can study
worship in the warmth of Otterbein, Wesley or Widewater camps from
Thursday December 28 - Saturday, December 30. Dropoff is 5pm, pickup
at 7am. Cost is \$89 for students, and \$45 for adults with a group. Please
register by December 21. Find more info and register using the link below!



[Information and Registration Here](#)

Phase II Flood Bucket Collection

CAN YOU HELP LOAD THE SEMI-TRAILER?

The West Ohio Conference Disaster Response Coordinator has been working diligently to plan this second phase of transporting flood buckets to hurricane survivors in the south.

They have been in conversation with the UMCOR Midwest Distribution Center in Chatham, IL. The Distribution Center has graciously agreed to pay for the cost of the truck rental and gas to transport the buckets to IL. The West Ohio Conference Center will be the drop off location for this phase. Drop off times for flood buckets will be Monday-Wednesday, Nov. 13th-15th, 11am to 7pm.

Here is where we need your help, we need:

- Volunteers from local churches to receive the donations at the WOC November 13th-15th.
 - We recommend teams of 2-3 adults who can work one of three shifts:
 - 11am - 2pm
 - 2pm - 5pm
 - 5pm - 7pm
 - Youth groups would work for the evening hours, provided they had adult supervision.
 - They would assist the unloading of donated buckets and then load them onto pallets on the truck and shrink wrapping the

pallets.

Giving Tuesday - support JAM!

The Tuesday after Thanksgiving has been designated as The Advance " Giving Tuesday" by United Methodist Board of Global Ministries to support projects such as Jackson Area Ministries and others. When you give through The Advance, 100% of your gift goes to the mission project you choose.

We would like you to consider this avenue of giving and designate your gift for Jackson Area Ministries. You or your church may participate in two ways: credit card donations can be made by going to www.umcmmission.org/give-to-mission or calling 888-252-6174. Or send your contribution to the JAM office before November 28. We will include your gift in the donations sent by this office.

All "Giving Tuesday" funds will be set aside for our second "Affordable House". We plan to begin construction in the spring of 2018.

The project number for Jackson Area Ministries is 194431.

Are you connected with your district?!



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