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Important MIV Items to Remember...

Breakthrough Goals

The deadline to input your 2016 Breakthrough Data online is January 31, 2017.

Year End Reports

Your Year End Reports need to be entered by February 1, 2017 into the Ezra database. You should have received your paper copies from Jack Frost at the Conference office last month. Questions about your year end reports need to be directed to Jack at the Conference office at 614-844-6200.

IRS Mileage Rate

The IRS has set the standard mileage rate for business miles driven at 53.5 cents/mile (\$0.535) effective January 1, 2017. This is a reduction of 0.5 cents/mile in 2016. Please note this on mileage reimbursement requests made for trips beginning in January.

SUPPORTING YOUR BRIDGE

The Nuts & Bolts of Local Church Leadership for Clergy & Laity

We are lining up a series of workshops to equip new and not-so-new leaders for the nuts and bolts of ministry work in the local church. Workshops will each include:

- Updated blueprints: what's new for the ministry area in the 2016 Book of Discipline
- A hammer, a screwdriver, or a saw?: best practices in a variety of ministry settings
- Sure foundations: lessons for leading in the local church.



The day will start off with a keynote by Rosario Picardo, author of "Funding Ministry with Five Loaves and Two Fishes." Great food, fellowship, and worship are always included!

Saturday, February 4, 2017 @ United Theological Seminary
4501 Denlinger Road, Trotwood, OH 45426
8:30am - 2:30pm
\$10/person

REGISTRATION AND CLASS LISTING COMING SOON!

"In The Midst of Evil, There Was Peace..."

Shortly after 1 p.m. Friday a man opened fire on passengers waiting at the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport baggage claim area, killing five people and wounding eight. Rev. John Schlicher, pastor at St. Andrews UMC in Beavercreek, said he witnessed a man carrying a handgun and aiming it at people.

"Get down! Get down!"

He heard people screaming. Schlicher hit the ground. Separated from his family, the pastor of St. Andrew United Methodist Church in Beaverton, laid on the floor and started to pray.

"We thought we were going to die," he said. When the shooting stopped, the suspect was taken away but the carnage was everywhere. Survivors ran to help the wounded. Schlicher's wife Michelle wrapped her mother's sweater around an injured man's head.

"We checked on the people around us, but, they were gone," Schlicher said.

For the next six hours, the police required passengers to stay at the airport, their personal belongings now considered part of the crime scene.

"Even in the midst of evil, there was peace -- a peace I can only attribute to God," Schlicher said, his voice shaking. "Only by the grace of God, I am still here. Michelle is still here. Jane is still here. We are so grateful but so heartbroken."

As Schlicher and his family begin the healing process, he asks for prayers for everyone affected by this tragedy.

Upcoming MIV Events

Saturday, January 28, 2017

Saturday, February 26, 2017

Saturday, March 26, 2017

Saturday, April 23, 2017

UMC Membership Class (for any UMC Church)

McKinley UMC (16 Hawthorne St, Dayton)

4 week class, teacher: Rev. Dr. Jocelyn Roper

Methodist History, Spirituality & Polity



Sunday, January 29, 2017

Drug Awareness Sunday- Hold the 5th sunday open - materials will be forthcoming!

Saturday, February 4, 2017

Supporting Your Bridge - The Nuts & Bolts of Local Church Leadership

United Theological Seminary, 9am - 2pm

Registration Coming Soon!

Saturday, February 18, 2017

SAFETY & SECURITY IN THE CHURCH - plus - THE DIFFICULTIES OF OPIATE & HEROIN ADDICTION

New Life - Hebron UMC, 925 W. Main St, Hebron, 9am - 3pm

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So what happens in an emergency at your church-lost child, unresponsive adult, accident, disorderly person, gas line break, smoke, tornado, utility failure, intruder or active shooter? Who directs the members? What's the plan? Who to call? We should know. Come and learn:

- To use the Assessment Tool for safety and security in and around your church.
- Develop Emergency Plans for a multitude of emergencies in and around your church.
- Plan for a Crisis Team to handle any emergency, illness, or problem during worship.

Regarding Opiate & Heroin Addiction: Learn how and why persons, even 12 year olds, are addicted. Why pre-school children are addicted. Why arrests don't solve the problem. What pain killers does your doctor prescribe to you? It's important we:

- Understand the depth of the opiate and heroin problem in our church's community.
- Offer ways to help families affected by opiate or heroin addiction.
- Be more aware of opiates you and family members are prescribed.

On February 18, 2017, in Hebron, Ohio, TARRP (Town and Rural Resource Program) is offering a very informative workshop to help your church board, mission team, and others learn and be equipped to help your church to make a difference in the lives of your parishioners and community.

Please see the attached [brochure](#) or email Rev. Debbie Ketcham at revdsk@frontier.com for more information.

Job Opportunities in MIV

Full-time Children's Ministry Director - Centerville UMC

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Upcoming Local Church Events

Watcha doin'?! Let us know so we can help spread the word!

Cancer Companions is a program designed to support people; In-treatment, Post-treatment (survivors), Caregivers and Loved-ones, that have been impacted by the chaos of cancer. This is to help them find new and meaningful

ways of Seeing God in their Cancer Journey. The program consists of nine sessions that focus on Faith, Questions for God, Spiritual Healing, Prayer, Stress Reduction, Relationships, Communication and Healthy Living. There is a one-time fee of \$16.00 (the cost of the book). Each session runs for an hour and a half, one day a week for nine weeks.



Remaining Sessions

Dates: January 9th, 16th, 23rd

Location: Huber Heights YMCA in the conference room

Time: 3:00pm - 4:30pm

For more information contact Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church at latoyaw@sulphurgrove.org or 937.236.5970.

GINGHAMBURG: Change the World - the passionate church/Rooted - a church planting network Conferences

WORSHIP DESIGN - all the things (PRE-CONFERENCE INTENSIVE) Wednesday, March 15, 2017

8:30am registration; 9am-4pm session

Everyone loves being part of a rich and meaningful weekend experience but rarely do God-moments spontaneously descend into our worship spaces.

You're invited to join Kim Miller, passionate and smartly seasoned worship producer and Rusty Eshleman, Ginghamburg's talented and deep-reaching music pastor as they lead this workshop for teams ready to re-imagine the possibilities. Discover the combination of intentional planning + creative teamwork - empowering everyday people to experience the Divine inside the weekly rhythm of worship. Bring a sketchpad or a laptop and a spirit ready to soak up a boatload of inspiration - fully customizable for your own missional setting.

Click [here](#) for more info/to register.

CHANGE THE WORLD - the passionate church Thursday & Friday, March 16 & 17, 2017

Despite what we sometimes read in the headlines, the church is not dead! But it's definitely poised for rebirth and revival. Now is the time for passionate churches to remember who we are and whose we are, and rise up to take positive, powerful and Christ-filled action to change the world - one life - and one community...at a time.

The CHANGE the WORLD Conference is designed to provide the tools, information and inspiration that all churches - regardless of size, location or budget - need to live out the mission of Jesus as a passionate church.

Plan to bring your team and join us on March

16 & 17, 2017 for CHANGE the WORLD - The Passionate Church. Click [here](#) for more info/ to register.

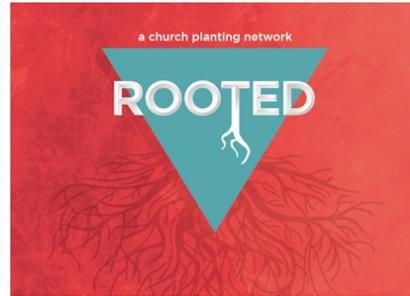


**ROOTED - a church planting network
Tuesday & Wednesday, March 14 & 15, 2017**

Join us for ROOTED, a learning and networking event that is the perfect opportunity for moving past theory to practice for pastors, church planters, individuals and teams of lay people that desire to plant, nurture, innovate and reignite missional movements.

Who Should Attend:

- Church planters & teams who desire innovation in the church planting process.
- Pastors who want to engage their churches & communities in new church plants or restarts.
- Lay people who are passionate about the work in the local church and reaching their communities.



Click [here](#) for more info/to register.

Upcoming WOC Events

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

Saturday, January 21, 2017

(ERT) Early Response Training
Stonybrook UMC, 485 Cherry Bottom Rd,
Gahanna, 8:30am - 4:30pm

[Register Here](#)

Thursday, January 26, 2017

"Fresh Expressions"
New Church Start Development
West Ohio Conference, 10:00am to 3:00pm

[Register Here](#)

Saturday, February 4, 2017

(ERT) Early Response Training and Recertification
Aley UMC, 4143 Kemp Road, Beaver Creek, 8:30am - 4:30pm

[Register Here](#)



Fresh Expressions

I wanted to make sure you were aware of the upcoming "Fresh Expressions" training on Thursday, January 26, 2017 at the West Ohio Conference Center. Fresh Expressions is a new and fast-growing approach to reaching the unreached. It's sort of the Wesleyan version "Missional Communities" (3DM). Your cost is only \$25 and space is limited to 60 people.



Today, Christians are stepping-out in faith, beginning "Fresh Expressions" of church. New or different forms of church can change culture. Beginning a fresh expression of church out of and alongside your church could breathe new life not only into your church, but also into you. Starting a fresh expression of church could be the answer to our innate sense that a contemporary service, a vision statement, and a strategy team sometimes aren't enough. This training is for pastors of existing congregations, pastors interested in new church starts, superintendents, and staff.

William Chaney from Path 1 will be leading this training. For more in on Fresh Expression, visit www.freshexpressionsus.org

Brad Aycock, Director of New Church Development
bradaycock@wocumc.org

[Register Here](#)

Horizon Prison Ministry Volunteer Day



Horizon Prison Initiative

January 22, 2017, 3 - 5pm
North Broadway UMC, 48 E. North Broadway, Columbus

At Horizon Prison Initiative, we believe that honor, respect, and dignity are due to each and every human being, not because of the greatness of their achievements nor how they have behaved, but because they are home to a soul that is inherently holy. Please join us to learn more about our work with incarcerated men and women, ask questions, and discover what it means to be a Horizon volunteer.

RSVP to info@horizonprisoninitiative.org.
