Registration for Annual Conference begins March 1, 2018.

AT-LARGE DELEGATES FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2018

We are now selecting At-Large Delegates for the Miami Valley District for this year’s Annual Conference. Please email the church office here if you are interested.

MISSING REPORTS

There are still some churches who have missing reports from 2017. Please check to make sure you have completed and uploaded or sent in the following reports:

- 2016 Fund Balance
- 2017 Charge Conference
- 2017 Parsonage Inspection Report
- 2017 Trustee Legal & Property Report

Become a Flu Fighter

Take the time to safeguard yourself and others.

10 things you can do to prevent Flu

1. **Get a Flu Shot** - Getting vaccinated is the single best way to keep yourself from getting flu and spreading it to other people.
2. **Avoid Close Contact** - Try to avoid close contact or very crowded areas where you may have close contact with sick people.
3. **Wash your hands often with soap and water.**
4. **Cough or sneeze into your arm or sleeve, not your hands.**
5. If you feel sick, stay at home.
6. Carry hand sanitizer as a backup.
7. Wipe down public items around the home or office that everyone uses.
8. Avoid infection yourself by not touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
9. Pay attention to your overall health and make sure you are getting enough sleep, maintaining a healthy diet and managing stress.
10. Visit your healthcare provider — Call or visit your healthcare provider for further advice if you become ill.

“Traction Tracks,” specific training/resourcing/coaching/implementation components developed within West Ohio’s Missional Church Consultation Initiative (MCCI), are now available in individual short courses for churches of any size and setting.

Does your congregation need to gain a new specific aspect of traction in order to begin moving forward into renewed vitality? Consider which of these next Traction Track offerings might be right for you. Every Traction Track involves your pastor plus a team from your church.

Some offered last fall will be offered again this spring, to accommodate waiting lists and geographic convenience. Other Traction Track MCCI components are offered for the very first time.

Click https://www.westohioumc.org/conference/news/traction-tracks-0 to find out more about each of the following, and to register online. All launch in February, March or April.

**Creating a Social Media Strategy for Your Church (two-session training)**
Sessions begin February 24 and will be hosted at Trinity United Methodist Church, Columbus. (CAN District). New option exists for this Traction Track: Teams may attend via a Zoom video call.

**Family Ties: Home, Church, and Community (four-session training)**
Sessions begin March 1 and will be hosted at St. Marks United Methodist Church, Findlay. (NWP District)

**Spring Clean Your Church Communications (three-session training)**
Sessions will be hands-on workshops and require pre-work to be done for each session by your church’s team, and begin March 10, and will be hosted at Cornerstone United Methodist Church, West Chester. (ORV District)

**Breakthrough Prayer Initiative (one-session training)**
Two identical Traction Track single sessions are available.
- Saturday, March 17, 9 am-2 pm; Host location is Forest Park United Methodist Church, Lima (NWP District)
- Sunday, March 18, 2-7 pm; Host location Wesley United Methodist Church, Bryan (NWP District)

**Sparking a Volunteer Revolution Through Catalytic Outreach (two-**
Session training)  
Sessions begin on Wednesday, April 11 hosted at North Broadway United Methodist Church, Columbus. (CAN District)

Worship Design Enhancement (three-session training)  
Sessions begin on April 7 hosted at Stillwater United Methodist Church, Dayton. (MIV District)

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**MIV Calendar**

**Thursday, February 8, 2018**

*Clergy Cluster Leaders Breakfast*

UTS, 4501 Denlinger Rd, Trotwood
9am - noon

*Register Here*

**Monday, February 12, 2018**

Superintendency Meeting
UTS, 4501 Denlinger Rd, Trotwood
3-5pm

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**Click Here for:**

*Classified Ads for Employment Opportunities*
- Part-time Youth Pastor, Ansonia UMC
- Part-time Financial Assistant, Xenia Faith UMC
- Part-time Office Ministry Assistant, West Carrollton Memorial UMC

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**Recent Appointments**

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**Tipp City UMC has Free Worship Banners!**

Tipp City UMC has 60-75 Praise and Worship Banners that they no longer use. They are available to anyone who would want them. If you would like to see more pictures or would like more information, contact Bronwyn at bronwyn@tippcityumc.org or 937.667.2318.

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**Opportunities to strengthen your faith and connect within the MIV community.**
SOUL FEAST
Weekly Community-Based Meditation
Classes for Everyone
Wednesdays @ UTS from
11:15am - 12:15pm
Free lunch after each session. No
registration required.
Teacher: Rev. Deb Egloff
debegloff@gmail.com

RefineUS Ministries
Justin and Trisha Davis, founders of
RefineUs Ministries, are bringing their
dynamic marriage conference to
Ginghamsburg Church, 6759 S County
Rd 25A in Tipp City, on Friday and
Saturday, February 9 and 10.

Details and registration Here.
Questions? Contact Jody
at jwilloughby@ginghamsburg.org.

Work as Worship Retreat
Church of the Cross United Methodist
3121 Wilmington Pike, Kettering, Ohio
45429
February 23, 2018
Click here for more info
Click here to register for the 1 day simulcast event

TAARP: SAFETY & SECURITY IN
THE CHURCH – plus
– THE DIFFICULTIES OF OPIATE
& HEROIN ADDICTION

On Sat. March 3, 2018, in Cambridge,
Ohio, TARRP (Town and Rural
Resource Program) of East & West Ohio
Conferences 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. Plan to bring a
team! Discounts for 3 or more.
More information here.

Email Rev. Debbie Ketcham at
revdsk@frontier.com for more
information.

Lead Like Jesus Encounter
https://www.westohioumc.org/equip/eq
uippingevents/district/capitolareanorth/
event/lead-jesus-encounter

Change your world! Lead Like Jesus
imagines a world in which leaders serve
rather than rule, give rather than take. We
imagine leaders who produce results
through service and sacrifice rather than
through power and position. Throughout
the Lead Like Jesus Encounter you will
explore effective and practical ways to
live your faith at work, home and in all
relationships. You will dig deep into
scripture and examine the perfect and
powerful leadership principles that Jesus
modeled in every-day life.

Open to both men and women, this
workshop is packed with 10 hours of
action-oriented learning followed by
weekly online E-lessons. Encounter is
highly interactive, participant-driven
leadership development workshop that

Faith-Based Re-entry Summit:
Building Communities of Hope and Healing
Thursday, April 12, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at Central Community Center, 102 W. High St., Springfield. Join us for a day focused on balancing justice with mercy by building relationships of hope and healing between churches, correctional institutions, and communities. Free. Space is limited to the first 200 who register for this free event. Click here for more information and to register.

Empowered to Connect - a 2-day (10-6 both days) simulcast helping parents, counselors, therapists, teachers, foster parents, kids ministry workers and clergy, serve children from hard places. Hosted by Rev. Dr. Dan & Erin Gildner at Stillwater UMC on April 13-14, 2018.

If you parent, teach or minister to kids from hard places, children with any kind of trauma or you just want to learn better skills for parenting, come! This has been liberating for us and we pray it will be for our community as well.

Click on this link to see a preview video. Follow the link below to register. It's only $10. CEU’s available too.

https://stillwaterumc.churchcenter.com/registrations/.../94934

PAUMCS Membership and Spring Conference April 17

Celebrating over 26 years of service, Ohio PAUMCS is committed to their purpose of recognizing the position of the church administrator as a professional within the church. By providing leadership and educational opportunities around Ohio, the Ohio PAUMCS chapter is linking secretaries, administrative assistants, and volunteer staff as an effective support group in local ministry. The officers and members invite you to use this membership application to renew or begin your association with a group of men and women who are committed to serving at the local church. Individual membership is $25.00, and a staff membership is $40.00. Applications are due by February 15, 2018 to Lisa Gleason, 1750 Eastgate Rd. Toledo, OH 43614. If you have any questions, please email Lisa at office@cotcumc.com. PAUMCS is only as effective as its members. Join now and plan to attend the Spring Workshop to held at Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church, 1636 Graham Road, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068.
The United Methodist Historical Society of Ohio (UMHSO) will meet at the Canal Lewisville UMC (198 E. Church St., Coshocton 43812) on Saturday, April 21, 2018, with the theme, “Crossroads of Ohio United Methodism.” Historians and others who are interested in membership may contact Ed Duling as listed below or visit www.umhso.org/MembershipForm.

House of Worship Security Training
March 24, 2018, 9am - 4pm
Normandy UMC
450 W. Alex Bell Road, Centerville, OH
Registration & Information here

Click on the picture/heading below for more information.

Greater Dayton Faith Community Nurse/Health Ministers Networking Group Meeting
Feb. 15, 2018

The Soul Work of Living and Dying
Tenth Annual Medical-Spirituality Conference
Register now: medicine.wright.edu/med-spirit

Click on the picture below for more information.

Encounters with Christ: A Lenten Journey (Daily Devotional)
February 14-April 1, 2018

Pastoral Counseling 101: A Workshop
Friday, February 16, 2018
8:30am - 5pm

REFRESH Women in Ministry: Embracing Joy
Friday, April 20, 2018
8:30am - 5pm

WOC Calendar

Saturday, February 10, 2018 10am to 3pm
Creating a Legacy For Your Church’s Future
Grove City UMC, 2650 Columbus Street, Grove City, OH 43123
Register Here

Saturday, February 17, 2018 9am to 4pm
Volunteers in Mission Team Leader Training
Marion Epworth UMC, 249 E Center Street, Marion, OH 43302
Saturday, February 24, 2018 10am - 2:30pm  
*Stewardship 101 for the Smaller Church*  
Brice United Methodist Church, 3160 Brice Road, Brice, OH 43109  
[Register Here](#)

Saturday, February 24, 2018 9am to 2pm  
*Creating a Social Media Strategy - Traction Tracks*  
Trinity UMC, 1581 Cambridge Blvd, Columbus, OH 43212  
[Register Here](#)

Thursday, March 1, 2018 10am to 3pm  
*Family Ties - Traction Tracks*  
St Marks UMC, 800 S. Main St, Findlay, OH 45840  
[Register Here](#)

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**Resilience: Flourishing in Ministry During Anxious Times** is our theme for the 2018 West Ohio Clergy Day Apart, offered Thursday, March 8, from 9:30 am-3:30 pm at Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church. Retired Bishop Janice Riggle Huie will be our guest speaker for the day. Bishop Huie currently serves in ministry with the Texas Methodist Foundation in the area of Leadership Formation, following 20 years as a bishop. A noted speaker and experienced leader, Bishop Huie will bring a spirited and spirit-led conversation about what it means to flourish in ministry, especially during these anxious times within our culture and our denomination. Additionally, the Day Apart will offer a time to worship together, visit with colleagues, explore health and wellness options, and enjoy a healthy, delicious lunch prepared by the chef and staff of RUMC. The Clergy Day Apart is for all active clergy serving in ministry in The West Ohio Conference.

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**WEST OHIO CONFERENCE CHURCH REVITALIZATION GRANTS AVAILABLE**

Revitalization/Capacity Building Grant Application for the 2019 award year is available through the Office of Missional Church Development. Churches will be able to complete the application online [here](#). Churches in any of the eight districts within The West Ohio Conference will have an opportunity to apply for a grant. Funding goes to existing churches in support of their efforts to revitalize their congregations for increased fruitfulness. Emphasis is placed on the missional work that must be done in turning a plateaued or declining church around, or fueling its
capacity for fruitfulness. Award recipients will need to be ready to hit the ground running to develop and implement their plans, and to show significant progress by a specified time. The total funding available for the Revitalization/ Capacity Building Grant Awards will be determined by the 2019 WOC budget. The award period is January through December 2019. Interested churches are encouraged to submit an application by midnight July 1, 2018. Please direct any questions to Kim Anderson at 800-437-0028 or kanderson@wocumc.org.

**Conference Updates**

**Changes to your health insurance?**  
If you are enrolled in the conference health insurance and need to add someone new or remove someone, please notify email Sandi George sgeorge@wocumc.org ASAP.

**Appointment to Extension Ministry forms were due January 31, 2018**  
Appointment to Extension Ministry forms can be downloaded from the web at [https://www.westohioumc.org/conference/appointment-extension-ministry-form](https://www.westohioumc.org/conference/appointment-extension-ministry-form). These forms were due January 31, 2018.

**Year-end Reports**  
Year-end reports are due no later than **February 9, 2018**. Instructional materials can be found on the conference website [here](https://www.westohioumc.org/conference/year-end-reports). If you have any questions contact Jack Frost at (614) 844-6200, Ext 219 or at jfrost@wocumc.org.