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2017 LENTEN RESOURCES



The Miami Valley District is pleased to provide a Lenten worship series based on the work of the churches who participated in the November 2016 Worship Design Seminar led by district staffer and Creative Worship Specialist Jason Moore: **Baggage**.

Whether you travel by car or by plane, dealing with **baggage** is never very much fun. It can be heavy, cumbersome. You have to pack it; and when you're traveling by air, there's always the concern it won't show up on that conveyor to meet you when you arrive.

Along life's journey we tend to pick up lots of **baggage** along the way. If the bag is too heavy, the journey is more difficult than it has to be. If the bag is too light, you might not have all that you need. Put the right stuff in the wrong bag, and it can be awkward to carry and the content might get damaged. Pick the right bag, but pack the wrong content, and you're out of luck. It turns out, having the right bag packed with the right content makes all the difference.

Over the next six weeks, we're going to take a look at six stories, and six bags connected to each of them. We'll see how Jesus shows up in each story and in each of our lives to help us deal with our **baggage**. You can find graphics, worship resources including song suggestions and exegetical notes, discipleship resources, and more at <http://www.miamivalleydistrict.com/district/miamivalley/2017-lenten-resources>.

AT LARGE MEMBERS NEEDED FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE June 4-7, 2017

Every year each district has a number of openings for the election of additional lay members to the Annual Conference. These additional lay members come from the heart of our United Methodist congregations. We invite you, the laity in our churches, to consider offering your name to represent the Miami Valley District at Annual Conference June 4-7.

The criteria for becoming a lay member to attend Annual Conference and vote on the recommendations of the Annual Conference is that you must be a professing member of one of the United Methodist Churches in the Miami Valley District. A professing member is a person 12 years of age and older who has taken the membership vows of The United Methodist Church. We expect those who apply to be active in their congregation.

Our goal, as always, is to have a balanced and diverse group of individuals to represent our diverse district. This means that we will do our best to be diverse in respect to ethnicity, age, demographic context (rural, urban, suburban, small membership church, large membership church) and more.

If you are willing and want to represent the District for the 2017 Annual Conference, please contact the district office ASAP! During these next few weeks we will begin seeking new names for at-large members to represent the MIV District through the e-news and

through asking clergy to send us names. If you know of others who may want to attend Annual Conference, especially young people, please contact the Miami Valley District office to receive an application. miamivalley@wocumc.org. Thank you for assisting in this process!

If you have previously served in this capacity, You must let me know that you want to continue or your name will be removed from the list.

Annual Conference begins Sunday, June 4 and concludes Wednesday, June 7.

Registration begins on March 1st for Annual Conference @ 10am. FYI, you will be responsible for finding your own housing once you are approved and you will be responsible for your expenses while you are there.

If you have any questions, please e-mail Terri McClain @ miamivalley@wocumc.org and she will assist you!

Spring Courses for Lay Servant Ministries

Our Spring classes are now ready for registration!

All classes will be held on Friday, March 24, 6:30-9:30 pm and Saturday, March 25, 8:30 am-4:30 pm @ Tipp City UMC, 8 W. Main St, Tipp City OH 45371.

All classes are \$35 and included materials, lunch & snacks.

Contact Mary Frantz, 937-848-2909, education@bellbrookumc.org with questions.

** New Lay Servants must fill out an application (online at wocumc.org) and secure their pastor's approval. Get church's approval at yearly fall charge conference, before or after the class.

1. LEADERSHIP 101 (Fulfills basic course requirements)

Leader: Nancy Byrd, CLM

[REGISTER HERE](#)

2. Leading worship (Course of Study) (Fulfills Advanced and Core course requirements)

Leader: Rev. Wendy Lybarger



[REGISTER HERE](#)

3. Dancing with words (Fulfills Advanced course requirements)

Leader: Janet Steele, CLM

[REGISTER HERE](#)

4. God's Mission...Our Journey (Fulfills Advanced course requirements)

Leader: Rev. Lisa Ellison

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Higgins Station to Undergo Transformation

Trotwood, OH (February 21, 2017) - Neighbors, community members, volunteers and The Point Church will join efforts to make a difference in the Trotwood community - Saturday, March 25, 9am-3pm as they demolish the interior of Higgins Station - a bar closed after two deaths occurred in 2008 and 2009.



The (Cross) Point Shopping Center has come a long way since 2012 when The Point - A Ginghamburg Church Worship Community opened its doors in the YMCA, 506 E. Main Street in Trotwood. The shopping center has been revitalized and now houses small businesses and nonprofits that are a blessing to the Trotwood community.

[Read More...](#)

NEW in 2017! West Ohio Conference "Traction Tracks"



....to help your congregation gain traction and begin to move forward towards new vitality!

West Ohio's Missional Church Consultation Initiative (MCCI), a focused training/coaching/resourcing initiative of the Episcopal office and cabinet that has included several dozen congregations and pastors over the last six years, has identified a number of key components that we've seen can provide a congregation of any size and setting with a dose of traction to begin to move ahead in vitality.

The Breakthrough Prayer Initiative forms the foundation of the MCCI (Missional Church Consultation Initiative), and its implementation has shown itself to be the single greatest factor contributing to a church's revitalization and renewed fruitfulness. This may be the most important ingredient to add to your church to help shift from plateau or decline into a new season of hope and possibility! [READ MORE and/or REGISTER...](#)

Important MIV Items to Remember...

FUND BALANCE/AUDIT REPORTS

Just a reminder that your Fund Balance/Audit Reports need to be completed and turned into the Miami Valley District office by March 31, 2017. A blank copy of the Fund Balance can be found [here](#) on the Miami Valley District website.

Upcoming MIV Events

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)

10am - Noon

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

Methodist History, Spirituality & Polity



Friday, March 24, 2017 - Saturday, March 25, 2017

Lay Servant Ministry Training

Tipp City UMC, 8 W. Main Street, Tipp City, OH

6:30pm-9:30pm Friday and 8:30am - 4:30pm Saturday

Leadership 101 (Basic Course) [Register Here](#)

Leading Worship (Course Study, Advanced Core Course) [Register Here](#)

Dancing With Words (Advanced Course) [Register Here](#)

God's Mission... Our Journey (Advanced Course) [Register Here](#)

Saturday, March 25, 2017

Healing Our Community, Forum on Heroin Addiction

(Sponsored by the MIV District UMW)

First Place (Troy UMC), 16 W Franklin St, Troy, OH

9am - 12:30pm

Sunday, April 2, 2017

Traction Tracks - A Breakthrough Prayer Initiative

Xenia Faith Community UMC, 100 Country Club Dr, Xenia

2pm - 7pm

[Register Here](#)

Job Opportunities in MIV

Pianist - Red Lion UMC (ORV District)

Full-time Christian Education Director - Christ UMC,

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 REAL ESTATE can earn an income...
 1700 sq. ft. in your investment...
 and isn't giving you the kind of...
 own, the real estate you need...
 call down on prospective priced...
 at \$130,000. Leo Romo, Sales...
 Broker, 613-254-4000. Sutton...
 Corp./Owner. Realty (2008)...
 Ltd, Brokerage. 2008. 04. 01

Property For Sale
IMMACULATE BUNGALOW on...
 65 acres, south of Westchester...
 renovations complete. Two plus...
 one bedroom home. Finished...
 basement, on quiet dead-end...
 road. Wood-trimmed out, upstairs...
 down. Remodeled bare decora...
 on, water, two walk, insulated...
 room. Paddock, dishes, pole...
 barn. Thirty acres cleared, thirty...

Services
A MAN AND HIS TRUCK -...
 At Your Disposal - Courteous...
 conscientious, full service water...
 removal since 1981. We get what...
 is asked, to take what you get...
 We load - You relax. Satisfaction...
 guaranteed. Free estimates...
 613-255-1111. 10am-10pm

ACCOUNTING BOOKKEEP-

Lettering

Full-time Children's Ministry Director - Centerville UMC

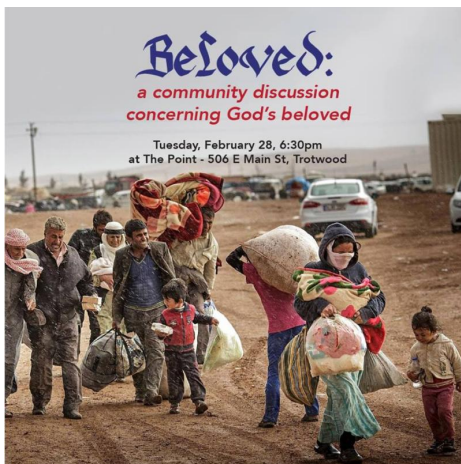
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Upcoming Local Church Events

Watcha doin'?! Let us know so we can help spread the word! Click on the picture for more information.



BELOVED @ The Point
 Tuesday, February 28th



ASHES to GO - Ginghamburg
 Wednesday, March 1st

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



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



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

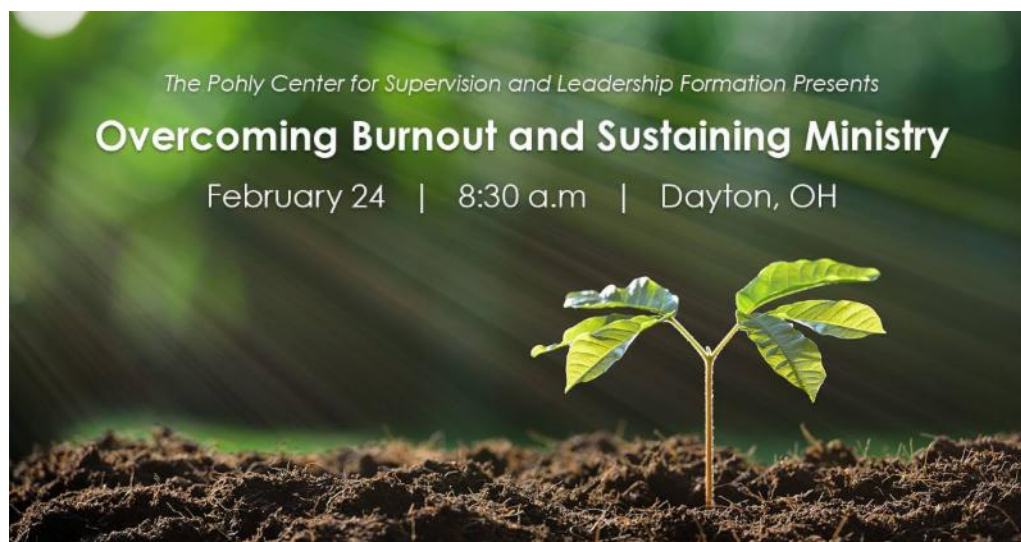
We have exciting news! We are extending a special Rooted Church Planting Conference discount for Miami Valley District. The cost for registration is \$50 which includes breakfast/lunch for both days on March 14/15.

Presenters Include:

- Brian Tome - Lead Pastor of Crossroads, Cincinnati, Ohio
- Olu Brown - Lead Pastor of Impact Church, Atlanta, Georgia
- Rosario Picardo, Ginghamburg Executive Pastor of New Church Development and The Point Campus Pastor, Trotwood, Ohio
- Mike Berry - Medway United Methodist Church Lead Pastor, New Carlisle, Ohio
- Kim Griffith - Strategist for the Path 1 Large-Impact Church Residency Program
- Jon Morgan - Campus Pastor of Fort McKinley Church, Dayton, Ohio
- Jeff Cartwright, Campus Pastor of New Hope Church, Dayton, Ohio

Be sure to register under "Rooted Seminary" under the options to get the \$50 registration fee: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rooted-a-church-planting-network-event-tickets-29280712399?ref=ebtnebregn>

United Theological Seminary



Overcoming Burnout and Sustaining Ministry
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dan Gildner
8:30am - 3pm, Cost \$20, 1 CEU Credit \$10



Journey Through Lent With Jesus:

Spiritual Practice and the Gospel of Mark

Online Devotional Study | March 1 - April 19

Journey Through Lent With Jesus: 6 week online Lenten study
Cost: \$20, 1 CEU Credit: \$10

Upcoming WOC Events

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

Saturday, March 4, 2017

Stewardship 101 for the Smaller Church

Hope United Methodist Church

4183 E. Columbus Street, Canal Winchester, OH

43110

10am - 2:30pm (Registration begins at 9:30am)

[Register Here](#)

Saturday, March 18, 2017

VIM Team Leader Training

West Ohio Conference, 32 Wesley Blvd

9am - 4pm

[Register Here](#)



Scholarship Opportunities

The West Ohio Conference is offering two scholarship opportunities for undergraduate students attending accredited institutions of higher education during the 2017-18 academic years. To learn more about the scholarship criteria visit westohiounc.org/conference/undergraduate-scholarships.

All seniors graduating from high school this May and all current college undergraduate students who plan on attending an accredited college this fall are encouraged to apply.

The Call to Leadership Scholarship

Submission deadline: March 15, 2017. [Click here for application](#)

The Ethnic Minority Scholarship

Submission deadline: April 15, 2017. [Click here for application](#)

Questions? Email rstreet@wocumc.org or contact the West Ohio Conference Scholarship Task Force Chair, Rev. Lori Reiber at pastorlorireiber@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION TEAM TO NICARAGUA

The June mission team to Managua Nicaragua, June 20-28, 2017, is now forming. This team will continue working at the Christian School of Fundacion El Samaritano, a relationship that has been going on annually with United Methodist teams since 1996. The activities may include interaction with the students and possibly some construction and maintenance projects. The team may also engage in some community projects and other projects with the Nicaragua Methodist Church. Time for worship in a local church, sightseeing and shopping will be available. The June team is for all but is especially appropriate for students and young adults. The cost is \$1,500 per volunteer which is all inclusive except for personal purchases. A brochure and application form can be obtained by contacting Jack Reif at jack.reif@zoomtown.com or by phone at 513-831-5550.
