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SAVE THE DATE!!

**Spring Gathering -
Be Not Afraid**

(Preconference Briefing)
Tuesday, May 16, 2017
6:30pm - 8:30pm

Sulphur Grove UMC
7505 Taylorsville Road,
Huber Heights



Keynote by Rev. Candace Lewis! We will be recognizing those pastors who are retiring, leaving the MIV, becoming Ordained or Licensed Local Pastors, or a CLM and those that have completed COS.

Registration Information coming soon!

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!

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, 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

Leading Worship (Course Study, Advanced Core Course)

Dancing With Words (Advanced Course)

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](#)

Saturday, April 22, 2017

Creative Worship and Resource Design Retreat
High Street UMC, 230 E. High Street, Springfield
8:30am - 4:30pm
Registration coming!

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June 4 - 7

2017 Annual Conference
Lakeside

[Register here](#)



Job Opportunities in MIV

Pianist - Red Lion UMC (ORV District)

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Upcoming Local Church Events

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

RMA SPRING LUNCHEON

The West Ohio United Methodist Ministers' Association will be having the Spring Luncheon on APRIL 4, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the North Broadway United Methodist Church, 48 E. North Broadway, Columbus, Ohio.

All Retired United Methodist Pastors and Spouses are invited.

Please send your reservations and checks to The Rev. Darrel Loar, 6000 Riverside Drive, Apt. A409, Dublin, Ohio 43017. The cost is \$10 per person. You can also send your reservations to Cean Wilson at catfishlcw@outlook.com. and pay at the door.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Rev Bill Koppert

President, RMA

Racial Justice Spiritual Retreat

PLEASE COME!

West Ohio Conference United Methodist Women are presenting Racial Justice Spiritual Retreat.

Key Note Speaker Reverend Karen Cook

Also featuring L. Cean Wilson and Ethel Johnson

Special guest Vickie Shurelds

Date: April 29, 2017

Time: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM check in 9:30

Where: Warehouse 839 @ Hilliard UMC

3691 Main St/ 5445 Scioto Darby Rd, Hilliard, Ohio

Registration deadline April 19, 2017. Box lunch provided, contributions accepted to cover cost of lunch. Please send your name, district, email, phone and dietary restrictions to Sylvia Kempton at kemptonss@yahoo.com.

Upcoming WOC Events

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

Saturday, May 13, 2017

ERT Basic plus recertification training

Bowling Green UMC

8:30am - 4pm

[Register Here](#)



Next Generations Leadership Ministry Intern

It is with great pleasure that we announce the opening of the Next Generations Leadership Ministry Intern Application process. Since its inception, the Next Generations Leadership Ministry Interns have been able to discern calls to Ministry and Service in a variety of ways. The pay for the Internship is \$4600.00 during the summer, starting May 21 and ending August 7. Internship placements are with engaging local churches throughout the West Ohio Conference and include trips to local Ohio Seminaries as well as those on the East Coast and in the Southern part of the United States. Applicants must be college students who are available for the duration of the Internship. Please encourage students who have expressed a desire to explore a call to ministry and/or service to apply at www.westohioumc.org. The Application Deadline is March 29, 2017. For questions, please email Rev. Donnetta Peaks (dpeaks@wocumc.org) or call 614-505-7334, 314.

ERT Basic plus recertification training

Saturday, May 13, 2017 - 8:30am to 4:00pm

Sponsored by the West Ohio Conference in cooperation with Maumee Watershed District.

This eight hour Basic Class training will teach you how to assist survivors of natural disasters in their time of need. You will provide a Christian presence while taking steps to prevent further damage to a family's personal property, tarping, debris removal, cleaning out flooded homes, etc. FEMA recognizes this training to be able to enter a disaster scene. Certification from UMCOR and UMVIM will be issued to attendees.

A recertification class for current ERT badge holders whose badge has expired or is due to expire in 2017, will be offered concurrently with this class at a reduced rate of \$25. Bring your own book if you have one, updates will be handed out.

Check-in begins at 8:30 am. Lunch provided for Basic Class and optional for an additional \$10 for Recertification Class. Trainer is Roger Thatcher.

A Background check is required so please make sure that you download the Permission To Release Information form and follow the instructions on the second page to return it to Mary Blackstone.
