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**Spring Gathering -  
Be Not Afraid  
(Preconference  
Briefing)**

Tuesday, May 16, 2017  
6:30pm - 8:30pm

Sulphur Grove UMC  
7505 Taylorsville Road,  
Huber Heights



Though it seems the year has only just begun, having celebrated Resurrection Sunday, we turn the corner and find ourselves on the road to the district Spring Gathering and Annual Conference. We hope you will join us as the Miami Valley District gathers on Tuesday evening, May 16, at 6:30 pm at Sulphur Grove UMC, 7505 Taylorsville Rd, Huber Heights for a ministry fair, a time of worship, and the traditional "pre-conference briefing."

The evening will begin with a ministry fair highlighting the ministries that received district mission grants in 2017 and other district ministries. Our time of worship will feature a "district choir" and a presentation by Rev. Dr. Candace Lewis, (check out her bio on our website). We will also spend time celebrating with folks who have reached milestones in their ministry, and review information pertaining to Annual Conference.

Register at the link below. While this event is directly intended for pastors and lay members of annual conference, we hope others will join us too as we worship and learn together.

[Register Here](#)

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## **Annual Conference Updates June 4-7, 2017**

We still have a few spots open to be an At-Large Lay Delegate to Annual Conference. Please contact the Miami Valley District office if you are interested.

### **REGISTRATION TABLE**

Help is needed at the registration table! If you are able to help on Sunday anytime between 12:30pm - 8pm or Monday between 7am - 11am please let Terri know in the district office!

### **MIV SOCIAL GATHERING**

Mark your calendars for an MIV Milk and Cookies Gathering on Monday night @ the Gazebo! Begins at 9pm.

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## **Upcoming MIV Events**

### **Saturday, April 22, 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



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(Pre-conference Briefing with a Keynote by Rev. Candace Lewis)  
Sulphur Grove UMC, 7505 Taylorsville Road, Huber Heights  
6:30 - 8:30pm  
[Register Here](#)

**June 4 - 7**  
2017 Annual Conference  
Lakeside  
[Register here](#)

**Monday, June 5, 2017**  
MIV Milk & Cookies Gathering  
Gazebo @ Lakeside  
9pm



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## Upcoming Local Events

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



*Comfort by*  
**candlelight**  
an evening with **kathy troccoli**

Times are dark.  
Even believers are weary  
She will sing-she will share  
Encouragement, Hope, Truth and Love

Thursday, May 11, 2017 • 7 p.m.  
Doors open at 6:15 p.m.

Lockington UMC  
2190 Miami Conservancy Rd | Sidney, OH 45365  
937-493-0478  
[iTickets.com/KathyTroccoli](http://iTickets.com/KathyTroccoli)

Lockington UMC, May 11,

## Register Now

Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine  
Ninth Annual Medical-Spirituality Conference

Pediatric Health and Healing: Exploring the Spiritual  
and Emotional Needs of our Young Patients

Health care and other service professionals involved in the medical care of children need to be able to address the spiritual and emotional needs of their pediatric patients and families to enhance overall healing. The importance of children's spirituality and emotional well-being in healing will be addressed through speaker presentations and various interactive workshops. Participants will learn current methods being utilized for the spiritual care of children and their families dealing with illness, grief and loss.

Thursday, April 27, 2017, 8:45 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.  
Sinclair Conference Center • 301 W. Fourth Street, Dayton, OH 45402

## Keynote Presenters:

**Rev. Cheryl V. Minor, Ph.D.**

The Rev. Cheryl V. Minor, Ph.D., is the Director of the Center for the Theology of Childhood, the academic/publishing arm of the Godly Play Foundation. For the past 19 years, she has served a parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, The Parish of All Saints' Church in Belmont.

Dr. Minor has a degree in Music Education from Boston University, an M.Div. from Virginia Theological Seminary, and a Ph.D. in Psychology from Northern Arizona University in Scottsdale, Arizona.

**Chaplain Ryan Campbell**

Ryan Campbell is a Roman Catholic Ecclesial Lay minister. He received a Master of Theological Studies from the University of Dallas in Irving, Texas. He completed his clinical pastoral education training at Children's Medical Center Dallas and Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. He is currently on staff at Children's Medical Center Dallas as program manager for the Center for the Spirituality of Children.

Ryan also ministers to patients, families and staff in the Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders.

## Cost

	Before March 27	After March 27
<b>Physicians</b>	\$150	\$175
<b>Nursing and other health professionals</b>	\$75	\$85
<b>General Admission</b>	\$75	\$85
<b>Seniors</b>	\$65	\$75
<b>Residents/Students</b>	\$35	\$40
<b>BSOM Students</b>	No charge	No charge

## Continuing Education

**Physicians**

Wright State University (WSU) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. WSU designated this live activity for a maximum of 6 AHA/ACC Category 1 Credit(s)<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

**Nurses**

This activity has qualified for 5.5 Contact Hours through Premier Health. Premier Health is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Ohio Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. (OBN-001-91) (OH-015, 04/01/2017).

**Counselors & Social Workers**

This program has been awarded 5.5 Continuing Professional Education (CPE) hours by Samanttan Behavior Health, Inc., Dayton, Ohio, an approved provider of Counselor and Social Worker CPEs (#HCS-100503) by the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapy Board.

Thank you to our sponsors



For more information or to register, visit [medicine.wright.edu/med-spirit](http://medicine.wright.edu/med-spirit)

Pediatric Health & Healing: Exploring the  
Spiritual and Emotional Needs of Young  
Patients - April 27, 2017

Wesley Community Center presents



Wesley Community Center  
June 17, 2017

**"Musician's Concert of Praise"**  
**April 23, 2017 @ 3:00 pm**  
**Germantown UMC**  
**525 Farmersville Pike, Germantown, OH**

The concert is dedicated to the Valley View Community Drug-Free Coalition.

The Concert is FREE and open to the public. If you wish you may donate a can of food for C.A.M.P. (Community Action Mission Program) serving the Farmersville, New Lebanon and Germantown communities, it will be appreciated.

Handbell choirs and chorale choirs will be coming from Tipp City UM and Troy UM plus our own handbell choirs, adult and children. Also, chorale choirs will be from Middletown First UM and Germantown UM as well. We will have a quartet singing and a bell tree performance by Dave Pinkerton of Troy who has taken a handbell choir to Japan. The program lasts a little over an hour with several other performances.

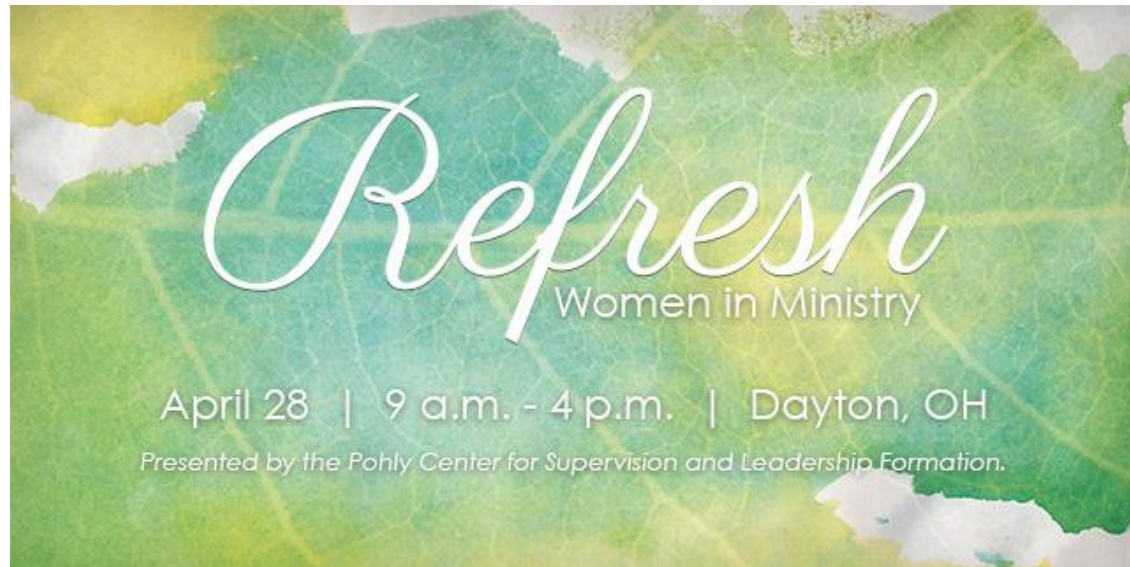
For more information contact Charlotte Genslinger, Concert Coordinator (937) - 855 - 3687 or our church office (937) - 855 -2102.

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### Upcoming UTS Events

Click on the picture for more information or to register.



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### Upcoming WOC Events

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

#### **Saturday, May 6, 2017**

*ERT Basic plus recertification training*

Mason UMC, 6315 S. Mason-Montgomery Rd.

8:30am - 4:30pm

#### **Saturday, May 6, 2017**

*ERT Basic plus recertification training*

Hilliard UMC, 5445 Scioto Darby Road, Hilliard

8:30am - 4:30pm

#### **Saturday, May 6, 2017**

*Stewardship 101 for the Smaller Church*

Shiloh UMC, 259 Main Street, Helena

10am - 2:30pm





## Stewardship 101 for the Smaller Church

West Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church  
Saturday, May 6, 2017

(Check-in begins at 9:30am) Event: 10:00am-2:30pm

Shiloh United Methodist Church, 259 Main Street, Helena, OH 43435

\$5.00 per person (includes lunch, refreshments and resources)

Who Should Attend: Pastors, Finance Committee Members, Stewardship Team Leaders, Church Leaders

### Growing Generosity

The smaller church has unique cultural issues to address to grow generosity. The following topics will be addressed, customized to their unique historical practices.

- \* Biblical foundation for giving to God
- \* Understanding generosity as a lifestyle
- \* Holistic approach to stewardship
- \* Modified local church year-round strategy to grow generous givers
- \* What is the role of the pastor?
- \* What is the role of the finance committee?
- \* Best financial practices
- \* Address: "But we've always had the money when we need it!"
- \* Why or why not use CD's (Certificates of Deposit) as stewards?

For more information contact Council on Development at 614-844-6200

Rev. George Cooper - [gcooper@wocumc.org](mailto:gcooper@wocumc.org), Rev. Stan Ling -

[sling@wocumc.org](mailto:sling@wocumc.org), Mrs. Joy Perry - [jperry@wocumc.org](mailto:jperry@wocumc.org).

Sponsored by the Council on Development

[Register Here](#)

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## ERT Basic plus recertification training

Saturday, May 6, 2017 - 8:30am to 4:30pm

Mason UMC, 6315 S. Mason-Montgomery Rd. Mason, OH 45040

Sponsored by the West Ohio Conference in Cooperation with the Ohio River Valley 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.

Check-in begins at 8:30 am. Lunch is provided.

Trainer is Ron McDaniel

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.

[Register Here](#)

Saturday, May 6, 2017 - 8:30am to 4:30pm  
Hilliard UMC, 5445 Scioto Darby Road, Hilliard, OH 43026

West Ohio Conference in Cooperation with Capitol Area South 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.

Trainers are Jim Burns and Randy Fahy

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## Healing Communities

Join National Director of Healing Communities, Dr. Harold Dean Trulear, for a fun and impactful weekend filled with learning, hope and healing. We start the weekend with training for Healing Communities, a National Church-based Mentoring Model that helps churches learn to become instruments of transformation, healing and restoration for men and women previously involved with the Criminal Justice System, their families and the larger community. The Healing Communities Framework supports your church's efforts to become a designated "Station of Hope" for stigmatized and disenfranchised individuals and families within your local community.

Saturday, April 29, 2017 Second Baptist Church, 116 S. Verity Pkwy,  
Middletown OH

9:30am breakfast & check-in

10am - 2:30pm General Training

3:30pm - 6:30pm Train-the-Trainer

[Register Here](#)

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## 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](mailto:kemptonss@yahoo.com).