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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. ** If you would like to help provide cookies for Annual Conference, please contact the district office at 937-529-2320. Cookies need to be brought to the district office by Friday, June 2nd before Annual Conference. **

GUEST SPEAKERS

The guest speakers and a basic schedule have been set for this year's Annual Conference. Guest speakers will be Bishop Tracy S. Malone, Bishop of the East Ohio Conference, and Dr. Elaine A. Heath, Dean of Duke Divinity School. Leading worship will be Chuck Bell, a nationally-known United Methodist worship leader and consultant. [Click here to read more about them.](#) Annual Conference starts with the Laity Session at 5:30 on Sunday and concludes on Wednesday, June 7, with Closing Worship at 4:30 pm. [Schedule.](#)

LAY MEMBER WORKSHOPS

Also of interest, four workshops will be offered for lay members during Clergy Session on Monday from 8-10am. Best Practices in Transformative Missional Engagement for the 21st Century; Go with the Flow (worship planning); Embracing the Future with Impact and Excellence; and Reentry COPE: Experiencing the Effects of Incarceration with Families in the Community. For more information or to register online, [click here.](#)

FAMILY CONNECT

New this year, Family Connect, a brand new ministry whose goal is to unite families with other West Ohio Conference families, discover new friendships, and experience intentional faith conversations while having fun at one or more events. These are perfect events for families to attend while pastors and lay members are in session. [Events Brochure.](#)

Fellowship of Local Pastors and Associate Members luncheon

Tuesday, June 6 at 12pm at Wesley Lodge. The cost is \$12. Register and pay by clicking [here.](#) Deadline for lunch reservations is May 12. Director of Religious Life at Lakeside, Ned DeWire, will share about an upcoming FLPAM joint retreat with East Ohio and West Ohio scheduled for early August.

POTATOES

The UMMen are accepting 10 pound bags of potatoes at annual conference this year. The Meals for Millions Truck will be just outside the West Gate in front of Otterbein North Shore; just drop your potatoes off and we will see they get into a bin in the truck.

ALL IN COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

During 2017 Annual Conference, All In Community offers a variety of events that help our West Ohio churches better embrace our neighbors impacted by incarceration. Check out the list of events and celebrations listed below.

- Reentry COPE. Monday, June 5, 8-10 am, Wesley Lodge South
- All In Community Breakfast, Wednesday, June 7, 7:30-8:30am, Hotel Lakeside Fern Room

For more information and registration: [click here](#)

More Annual Conference events can be found by clicking [here](#).

Annual Conference Housing Option

Our family desperately needs to find folks to fill our six sleeping spaces in a shared house at this year's AC. Please feel free to forward or share this information with anyone that might reach out to you for housing suggestions.

343 Oak St

Available Saturday, June 3rd - Saturday, June 10th

\$367.47 per queen bed (1 avail) or double futon (2 avail)

Call Melanie Coleman (419) 924-8299 or text (567) 328-9107

Upcoming MIV Events

Wednesday, May 31, 2017

The Right Start: Ministry In A New Setting
Middletown Christ UMC, 700 S Marshall Road,
Middletown, OH 45044

10am - 3pm

[Register here](#)

June 4 - 7, 2017

2017 Annual Conference
Lakeside

[Register here](#)

Monday, June 5, 2017

MIV Milk & Cookies Gathering
Gazebo @ Lakeside

9pm

Saturday, July 15, 2017

Children's Ministry "Link" Event
Concord, Englewood 1123 S. Main Street, Englewood
10am - 1pm

Saturday, July 29, 2017

Family Pool Party
United Theological Seminary



4 - 7pm

Tuesday, August 1, 2017

New Pastor Orientation

UTS Pohly Center, 4501 Denlinger Road

11:30am - 2pm

Fri & Sat, August 18 & 19, 2017

Lay Servant Ministry Training

Time and location - TBD

Saturday, September 16, 2017

Fall Gathering

Time and location - TBD



Job Opportunities in MIV

[View Classified Ads](#)
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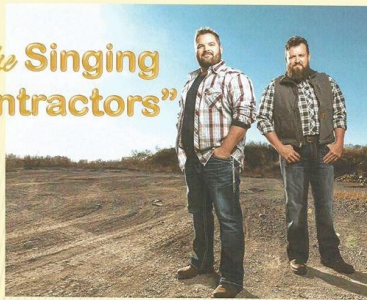
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Upcoming Local Events

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

"The Singing Contractors"



Swinging their hammers and singing for Christ

Saturday, May 20th at 7 pm

Hardin United Methodist Church
6073 Hardin-Wapak Rd., Sidney

Tickets \$5.00

For more info or to purchase tickets
726-0694 or 492-4595 (church)

Wesley Community Center presents



Wesley Community Center
June 17, 2017

Holy Land Classic

April 17 - 26, 2018

Educational Opportunities Tours w/ Pastor Gene and Drema Phelps

[See attached flyer for more information](#)

INTERFAITH VETERAN RECOGNITION SERVICE

Saturday, 27 May 2017, @ 6PM

Come to the Grotto Gardens at 5:30 pm for ice cream, tours and music. Then join us from 6-6:45 pm for our fourth annual interfaith program of music, word and prayer to honor the service and sacrifices of our veterans. Co-sponsored by the Greater Dayton Christian Connection, the Interfaith Forum of Greater Dayton, and the American Veterans Heritage Center, the service recognizes the contributions of our veterans in defending our freedoms and securing the peace in which to practice them.

Help us remember veterans of all faiths, especially those who gave their last full measure on our behalf. Chairs provided, or bring a blanket and sit on the grass.

The celebration is part of the Memorial Day weekend Patriot Freedom Festival and caps off a day of family friendly activities throughout the Dayton VA Campus. Join friends and neighbors to enjoy the service amidst the beautiful natural surroundings of the historic Grotto Gardens.

Upcoming UTS Events

Click on the picture for more information.



Upcoming WOC Events

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

July 6 - 9, 2017

Mission U

Ohio Northern University

525 South Main Street, Ada, OH 45810

[Register Here](#)



Sunday, July 16, 2017 - Saturday, July 22, 2017

2017 Local Pastor's Licensing School

Maria Stein Spiritual Center

2365 St. John's Road, Maria Stein, OH 45860

4pm - 1pm

[Register by June 19th](#)

Friday, July 28, 2017 - Saturday, July 29, 2017

2017 Candidacy Summit

Methodist Theological School in Ohio

3081 Columbus Pike, Delaware OH 43015

9am - 5pm the next day

[Register Here](#)

Friday, August 4, 2017 - Saturday, August 5, 2017

Certified Lay Ministers Retreat - Remain In Me: Call, Covenant and Connection

Maria Stein Spiritual Center

2365 St. John's Road, Maria Stein, OH 45860

6pm - 5pm the next day

[Register Here](#)

Friday, August 18, 2017

Healing Weekend 2017: Ayah Asher Ayah

Summer Camp Resources Available on West Ohio Website

United Methodist summer camps continue to be an important life changing event for many children and teens. To encourage children in your congregation to take advantage of our West Ohio camps, we have provided church resources for bulletin announcements or inserts on our webpage at www.westohiocamps.org. Hit the drop-down menu from any camp and select Resources for Church Promotions.

If your church will run a double-sided insert, please contact the camps office at camps@wocumc.org and we will print them for you. We have wall posters and additional Summer Guides if needed, so just contact the camps office and we will get them to you. Thank you for supporting our children and youth going to camp!



Certified Lay Ministers Retreat will be August 4-5

All current Certified Lay Ministers are invited to West Ohio Conference's first annual leadership retreat, designed to help reconnect with fellow CLMs, renew and deepen friendships, and re-energize our ministries. Remain in Me: Call, Covenant, and Connection will be hosted at the Maria Stein Spiritual Center located at 2365 St. John's Road, Maria Stein, OH 45860, on Friday August 4, 6pm through Saturday, August 5, 5pm. Rev. Wendy Lybarger, Assistant to the District Superintendent in the Miami Valley District, will serve as the retreat leader along with inspiring musicians and preachers from around West Ohio. The cost is \$90 per participant, which includes the retreat materials and Saturday's breakfast and lunch. Space is limited due to housing. If you have questions, please contact RaNae Street at rstreet@wocumc.org or 614-844-6200, ext. 325, or Carol Blass, Chair of the West Ohio Conference Certified Lay Ministry Task Force, at kbllass1@woh.rr.com. To register online, click [here](#).



The 2018 Revitalization/Capacity Building Grant has been posted on the WOC website (Stewardship & Finance, Grants & Scholarships). There is a fillable form available, as well as a PDF that can be printed and then completed.

The Due Date for the Revitalization/Capacity Building Grant applications is July 1, 2017.

www.westhioumc.org/conference/2018-revitalizationcapacity-building-grant
