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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](#)

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.

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.](#)

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](#).

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 is 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.

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

Annual Conference Housing Option

Please put the word out that Tater is looking for a couple of men to share lodging at Lakeside. The cottage is at 322 Oak Ave, just a few blocks from Hoover. Right now there are two of us and one more would lower the cost to \$123.00 and two more would lower it to \$99.00. You furnish your own bedding and food. You can not beat it for the cost. Contact Tater at 419-494-5321 or email geotater43465@gmail.com.

Upcoming MIV Events

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[Register Here](#)

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 next week!

June 4 - 7

2017 Annual Conference



Lakeside
[Register here](#)

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



Job Opportunities in MIV

[View Classified Ads](#)
[Add Classified Ad](#)

[Click Here for Recent Passings](#)

[Click Here for Recent Appointments](#)

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

****ATTENTION****

The Kathy Triccoli concert has moved venues!! It will now be at the Sidney Middle School (980 Fair Rd, Sidney, OH 45365) at the same time.

Lockington UMC, May 11,
2017, 7pm



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](#)

Upcoming UTS Events

Click on the picture for more information
or to register.



Upcoming WOC Events

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

Saturday, May 6, 2017

Stewardship 101 for the Smaller Church

Shiloh UMC, 259 Main Street, Helena

10am - 2:30pm

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

6pm - 5pm the next day

Certified Lay Ministers Retreat

Maria Stein Spiritual Center

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



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](#).



2018 Revitalization/Capacity Building Grant

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.

