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**2017 Annual Conference**

Another session of the West Ohio Annual Conference is complete. What an exciting few days it was! From great worship, to motivational teaching to inspirational words from Bishop Palmer, the 48th session did not disappoint. Click the [video](#) for highlights or click [here](#) to read summary articles of the best moments of the week.



We came together for a while  
gathered in a peaceful place  
We put aside our problems, our differences, our cares  
To fellowship and worship

to sing, to praise, to share  
To encourage each of us to be  
a soldier in the Lord's army  
Entreating us to be a part  
of this Great work from God's own heart  
Equipping and engaging this entire congregation  
to Light the Way- to Grow the Church  
through reconciliation  
Now is the hour for revival  
Fasting, praying, giving  
Living a life transformed by Christ  
And those whom we inspire  
Will leave this place- filled with God's grace  
and say "This is a Church on fire"  
We all have gifts and talents  
and a purpose to fulfill  
We struggle with our weaknesses  
As we seek to do God's will  
Let us Commit once more  
to surrender all to Christ  
To make disciples we must first  
make Jesus Lord of our life.  
Come, Let us Go.

~ Cheryl Smith, Yellow Springs UMC

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## Children's Ministry "Link" Event

**Saturday, July 15, 2017**

Concord UMC

1123 S. Main Street, Englewood

10am - 1pm

"Your church matters in the building of  
relationships with children!!"

"But we don't have any children!"

"Every community has children, whether they are in the church or not, and  
God is calling us to value them."

Come to our innovative event and brainstorm with us about "linking" to our  
communities for the purpose of valuing children and their families in a way  
that may look different, but is powerful, relational, and transformational...

Contact the District Office to register or ask questions. Your District  
Consultant Rev. Debra Egloff can't wait to talk to you, and encourage you.

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## Welcome to the District Office!

Rev. Debra Egloff is the new Children's and Educational Ministries Consultant for the Miami Valley District.



Debra has been an ordained deacon for 17 years. She served Parkview United Methodist Church as the Minister for Life Development from 1992 to 1999, and Christ United Methodist Church as the Children's Pastor from 2000 - Jan. of 2017. She feels blessed to be part of District staff, resourcing and consulting with our district churches, empowering the establishment of a network for urban ministry with children, and as the Assistant Dean for the certificate program with the Center for Global Renewal and Missions with United Theological Seminary. She completed her undergraduate degree in education at Purdue University and taught elementary school for 6 years. Deb was a certified childbirth educator for 10 years, which played a large role in her call to ministry. She received her seminary education at United Theological Seminary. She is also certified with the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church in Christian Education. She completed the certificate program in the Spiritual Guidance of Children at General Theological Seminary in NYC, and is certified Godly Play Trainer. She serves on the board of a nonprofit organization in Kettering Ohio that makes sure nearly 600 bags of food are packed to meet the weekend food needs of children in each elementary and middle school in the Kettering Public Schools, the Kettering parochial elementary schools, and two county schools. Her secondary appointment is with The Church of the Cross in Kettering. Deb is blessed to have spent the past 40 years with husband and partner in ministry, Mark. They have two grown children, a son and daughter, and two grandsons who are spiritual blessings!

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## Upcoming MIV Events

### **Saturday, July 15, 2017**

*Children's Ministry "Link" Event*

Concord, Englewood 1123 S. Main Street,  
Englewood

10am - 1pm



### **Saturday, July 22, 2017**

*Creative Worship Workshop*

High Street UMC

9am - 4:30pm

[Register Here](#)

### **Saturday, July 29, 2017**

*Family Pool Party*

United Theological Seminary

4 - 7pm

[Register Here](#)

## **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

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## **Is Your Church Having VBS This Summer?**

Your District Office would like to help you network together with ideas and resources!

We need the following information:

Your dates

Your theme/curriculum

Director's contact information

When your VBS has taken place and you have curriculum materials you will no longer need, consider donating them to the children's resource center that we are in the process of putting in place.

Next year you can visit our resource center before you order and Rev. Debra Egloff, our new Children's Consultant, can assist you in how to borrow resources so your dollars can be used effectively!

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## **Ministry Safety and Security Seminar**

As public gathering places, churches are susceptible to a variety of safety and security situations:

- Medical emergencies
- Spillover from domestic violence
- Active shooters and extreme violence
- Potential child sexual abuse

So how can our churches continue to be warm and inviting, while maintaining the safety of our congregations?

This June, American Church Group of Ohio will be hosting two one-day

events aimed at answering just that. Your ministry will learn how to recognize threats, build a safety and security team, deal with difficult people and situations, and protect your people from harm.

XENIA, OH

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

Emmanuel Baptist Church  
1120 South Detroit Street, Xenia, OH  
45385

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
(doors open at 8:15 a.m.)

COLUMBUS, OH

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

Meadow Park Church of God  
2425 Bethel Road, Columbus, OH  
43220

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
(doors open at 8:15 a.m.)

The cost to attend is \$50 for the first attendee from a ministry and \$40 for each additional attendee from the same ministry. Lunch is included and each ministry will also receive a copy of The Church Safety & Security Guidebook, a \$39.95 value.

We encourage you to send someone from your ministry to one of these events. You can learn more about the presenters and register for an event online at [www.americanchurchgroup-ohio.com](http://www.americanchurchgroup-ohio.com). Let's prepare to protect our people and our ministries.



## Job Opportunities in MIV

Director of Family & Youth Ministries - St. Andrew UMC, Beavercreek

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## Upcoming Local Events

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

### 4th of July at the Y - Tuesday, July 4

Kleptz YMCA , 1200 W National Rd Englewood, OH 45424

7:30-10pm

FREE EVENT

Celebrate the 4th with us! Enjoy this awesome event at the Englewood Kleptz YMCA. Fun Kid's Activity Area, including FREE face painting and bouncy house! Live music begins at 8pm, featuring Jacob Shane & Co! FREE RAFFLE for great prizes! FREE popcorn & drinks. Bring a blanket and/or lawn chairs for your family and enjoy a great view of the Centennial Park fireworks at 10pm. Fun-filled evening for the whole family! Event sponsored by Stillwater Church. For more information, contact Marie Flora at [marie.flora@stillwaterumc.org](mailto:marie.flora@stillwaterumc.org) or 937.454.9405 ext. 105.

### **Holy Land Classic**

April 17 - 26, 2018

Educational Opportunities Tours w/ Pastor Gene and Drema Phelps

[See attached flyer for more information](#)

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### **Upcoming UTS Events**

Click on the picture for more information.



### **Spiritual Growth Group at United Seminary**

When: Every Wednesday at 11:00 am  
Held in the small chapel

Study: "Soul Feast" by Marjorie Thompson  
Learn spiritual practices for personal transformation

Leader: Rev. Debra Egloff

You are invited to stay for lunch at the seminary if you like.

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### **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*  
Camp Widewater

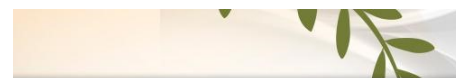
[Register Here](#)

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## **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](mailto: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](mailto:kbllass1@woh.rr.com). To register online, click [here](#).



**Certified  
Lay Ministry**  
Explore your call to leadership.



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## **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.

[www.westohioumc.org/conference/2018-revitalizationcapacity-building-grant](http://www.westohioumc.org/conference/2018-revitalizationcapacity-building-grant)

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