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Miami Valley District Office

The Miami Valley District Office will be closed on Monday, June 5 - Wednesday, June 7th. We will be in the office on Thursday, June 8th and Friday, June 9th.

See you at Lakeside!

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

MIV SOCIAL GATHERING

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

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.](#)

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

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

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 is 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!

Upcoming MIV Events

June 4 - 7, 2017

2017 Annual Conference
Lakeside

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 22, 2017

Creative Worship Workshop
High Street UMC
9am - 4:30pm



Registration coming soon!

Saturday, July 29, 2017

Family Pool Party

United Theological Seminary

4 - 7pm

Registration coming soon!

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

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!

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. Let's prepare to protect our people and our ministries.



Job Opportunities in MIV

[View Classified Ads](#)
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Upcoming Local Events

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

There will be six local Praise and Worship Bands performing at Urbana City

Park. There will be food trucks available. Saturday, June 10th from 2-6 PM. Bring Lawn Chairs/Blankets. Free Concert!!!



Wesley Community Center
June 17, 2017

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 or 937.454.9405 ext. 105.

Holy Land Classic

April 17 - 26, 2018

Educational Opportunities Tours w/ Pastor Gene and Drema Phelps

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
(No session June 7 due to Annual Conference)

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.

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](#)

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



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