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### MIV Lay Servant Fall Course Offerings

Phil 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength."  
Leadership in your church is an honor and a privilege. To serve God's people as a small group leader, hospitality coach, usher, children's servant leader, or any other servant role, is an answer to the commitment we made as Christ followers.

Leadership grows through experience and through intentional learning. Please prayerfully consider taking time to ignite your soul for God and others by attending Lay Servant Leadership Training this summer.



The Miami Valley District is offering Leadership Training for Lay Servants on

the weekend August 18th (6:30pm - 9:30pm) and 19th (8:30am - 4:30pm) at Lewisburg United Methodist Church, 3147 Us Route 40 East, Lewisburg, OH 45338. Cost is \$40 (includes materials and snacks throughout the weekend, light breakfast and lunch Saturday)

### Classes offered:

"Leadership in the Methodist Church" basic course - Instructor, Nancy Byrd, CLM [Register Here](#)

"Go Preach" core course (this class includes an extra day on Aug. 26th ) - Instructor, Reverend Barbara Cooper [Register Here](#)

"Leading Prayer" core course - Instructor, Reverend Deb Roth [Register Here](#)

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## 2017 Clergy Evaluations & One-on Ones

The Board of Ordained Ministry 2017 Clergy Evaluation form is available on the district website at [HERE](#) . Please use this form to complete a self-evaluation and have the S/PPRC complete a composite evaluation. If at all possible, please complete the evaluations **prior to your**

**One-on-One this fall.** (We are finalizing the schedule for these and will be inviting you to a location near you soon.) The completed set of forms is due back to the Miami Valley District office **no later than September 30, 2017.**



It is time for your One-on-Ones! Please [sign up here](#) at a location near you.

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## MIV Pool Party for Pastors and their families!

This event was cancelled due to a low registration. However, the YMCA has decided that they will allow pastors and their families to get in free that day if you are interested in swimming that day at the pool located next to United Theological Seminary.



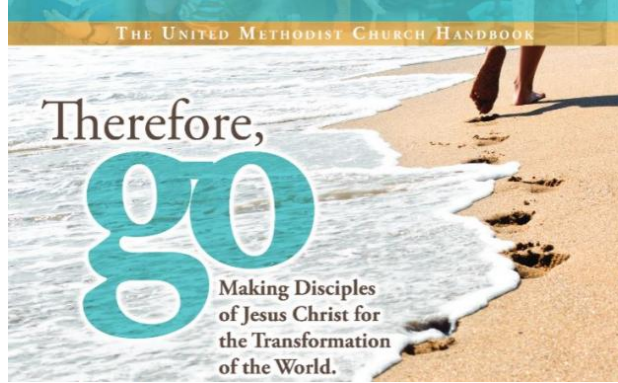
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## New UMC Handbook is available

The new United Methodist

Church Handbook for this quadrennium is available, providing a detailed overview of the denomination's beliefs, mission, structure and history. The handbook is a free, go-to resource for anyone in search of information about The United Methodist Church and is helpful for leaders and new members.



We have copies in the district office or you can order your own by clicking [here](#).

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## Upcoming MIV Events

### **Tuesday, August 1, 2017**

*New Pastor Orientation*

UTS Pohly Center, 4501 Denlinger Road

11:30am - 2pm

[Register Here](#)



### **Fri & Sat, August 18 & 19, 2017**

*Lay Servant Ministry Training*

Lewisburg UMC, 3147 US Rt 40 E, Lewisburg, OH 45338

Friday, 6:30pm - 9:30pm, Saturday, 8:30am - 4:30pm

[Register Here](#)

### **Saturday, September 16, 2017**

*Fall Gathering 2017*

*Building Bridges Academy - Equipping God's People*

*Workshops to include:*

*Ken Willard - time management for the Christian Leader*

*William Cheney - Fresh Expressions*

*Sarah Chapman - Social Media*

United Theological Seminary, 4501 Denlinger Road, Dayton

8:30am - 3:30pm

Registration coming...

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## Terre Haute Mission Trip

What an exciting mission trip for Terre Haute UMC.

The church sent nine people to volunteer at White Oak Center, TN. They took on two projects for Henderson Settlement; our two youth helped build a new porch at one site and seven adults put on new vinyl siding and six new windows at another site. The church helped us with financial support to

cover the cost of the projects, and the adults payed half of their cost. The spirit of generosity and excitement was truly evident. This mission trip started as a Youth Group mission trip and quickly became a multi-generational group with ages ranging from 13 to 81. It was hot and humid every day but a lot of fun. On our day off we visited Henderson Settlement, and on our way home we visited Red Bird Mission to learn more about their ministries and needs. Maybe next summer we will volunteer at one of these sites.



God blessed this group with laughter, compassion, a "We can do it!" attitude and we finished both projects one day early. God is good all the time! ~ Rev. Barbara Jean Pope

## Community UMC in Dayton

The Bishops are lead Bishop Joseph, and Bishop's Amos and Chris. Pastor John is the General Secretary and organizational lead for the Mennonite Church in Tanzania. I introduced them to Celebrate Recovery, took them to the Life Enrichment Center, and to New Hope on Xenia Avenue. ~ Rev. Fritz



## Job Opportunities in MIV

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

Children & Family Life Ministries Coordinator - High Street UMC

Music Director - Belmont UMC

Music Ministry Volunteers - Brandt UMC

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## Upcoming Local Events

### ICE CREAM!

Old Town UMC is hosting an Ice Cream Social on Saturday, August 12, from 6 to 8 p.m.! All Old Towners are invited to come out and enjoy ice cream and toppings—FREE!



Watcha doin'?! Let us know so we can help spread the word! An invitation is extended to nurses and others interested in whole person health to join a Miami District Health Ministry Program. People of faith have been working together for many years to promote healthier communities. Health Ministry

emphasizes the wholeness of body, mind and spirit in congregations. The District is seeking the contact information of those that already serve churches as well as those in this ministry, interested in the effort to organize a group to further enhance this special program. There will be an organizational meeting to discuss health ministry in the district and to also partner with existing programs. This group will be able to provide current health education and support to their congregation and community. Please contact Pam Sturtz, Health Ministry Director at Troy First Methodist Church at 724-396-2453 to get involved and for more information.



### **Oberammergau Passion Play**

Join Rev Glenn Sweigart of Liberty United Methodist Church on a 9 day European Adventure to see the Oberammergau Passion Play in July 2020. Since 1634, the most famous Passion Play in the world has taken place in Oberammergau. The tradition, maintained and experienced almost without interruption for over 380 years, of putting on the play about the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ every ten years, will be continued for the 42nd time in 2020. It is regarded as the most important Passion Play in the world. [Read more](#)

### **West Ohio Aldersgate Renewal Ministries (WARM) Day Apart**

Saturday, August 26th @ Hope UMC, Dayton. Speakers are Dr. Rob McCorkle and Dr. Frank Billman.

### **Ohio's Hospice of Dayton Clergy Events**

Register here for all events: <http://www.ohioshospice.org/clergyevents/>

### **CLERGY RETREATS**

(No Charge, however, registration required at above link)

*Location:* Transfiguration Center for Spiritual Renewal



3505 Calumet Rd., Ludlow Falls, OH 45339  
Phone: (937)-698-7180

*Dates/Topics:* Thursday 10/5/17 - Care of the Soul: Service as A Way of Life

### **MATTERS OF THE HEART EDUCATIONAL SERIES**

(No Charge, however, registration required at above link)

*Location:* Kroc Salvation Army Center  
1000 N Keowee St, Dayton, OH 45404  
Phone: (937) 528-5100

*Dates/Topics:* Wednesday 8/16/17 - What is Palliative Care and What is Hospice? What's the Difference?

Thursday 10/26/17 - Identifying and Addressing Spiritual Issues at the End of Life

### **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 logo 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.

### **United's 16th annual Summer Preaching Seminar August 9 - 11, 2017**

United's 2017 Summer Preaching Seminar will feature Dr. Paul Scott Wilson, speaking on the topic of "Getting to Grace: The Joy of Preaching." Dr. Wilson is the author of numerous books including The Four Pages of the Sermon, which is the

primary preaching textbook used at United, and The Practice of Preaching, which is used for West Ohio Conference licensing school.



The event will take place August 9-11, on United's campus in Dayton, Ohio. Additional speakers include Dr. Richard Eslinger, Dr. Elise Eslinger and Dr. Joni Sancken. This seminar is ideal for pastors, lay speakers and seminary students seeking to enhance their preaching skills. Continuing Education Units are available.

View the full schedule and register online [here](#).

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## Upcoming WOC Events

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

### **Saturday, August 19, 2017**

*WOC ERT classes*

Powell UMC, 825 E Olentangy St, Powell, OH 43065

[Register Here](#)



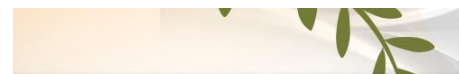
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## **Certified Lay Ministers Retreat will be August 4-5**

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



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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](#).

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## **New! More "Traction Track" Courses-Register Now**



"Traction Tracks" are specific

training/resourcing/coaching/implementation components developed within West Ohio's Missional Church Consultation Initiative (MCCI), now available in individual short courses for churches of any size and setting.

Does your congregation need to gain a new specific aspect of traction in order to begin moving forward into renewed vitality? Consider which of these next Traction Track offerings might be right for you. Every Traction Track involves your pastor plus a team from your church. Click on any of these links to find out more, and to register online. All start in August or September.

### **Breakthrough Prayer Initiative (one session training)**

Every new movement of church renewal always begins through prayer, asking God to bring new possibilities and hope. Learn how to lay a foundation of churchwide prayer that will move your congregation from looking down and in, to up and out! Choose any one of these three identical Traction Track single sessions.

- Saturday, August 19: Host location Trinity UMC, Upper Arlington (CAN district) [register here](#)
- Sunday afternoon, August 20: Host location Bainbridge UMC, Bainbridge (SHV district) [register here](#)
- Sunday afternoon, October 22: Host location Trinity UMC, Grove City (CAS district) [register here](#)

### **Family Ties (four-session training)**

Family Ties teaches churches how to rethink and intentionally change your current approach to reach and disciple new children and families at home, in church and within your local community. Connect anew with the next generation! [register here](#)

### **Creating a Social Media Strategy for Your Church (two-session training)**

It's important to use social media on behalf of your church--it's where the people are! Learn how to establish a consistent and positive social media presence to generate maximum impact with minimal investment of time and money. [register here](#)



## **Streamline Your Church's Administrative Structure** (single info/intro sessions)

Explore the possibility of transitioning to a more nimble and streamlined church administrative structure, in order to get decisions made more quickly, plus move people out of spending so much time in committee meetings - thus freeing them to serve in ministry. Attend any one of four one-hour overview info sessions, to help you discern whether this would be a positive step for your congregation. If you then decide you'd like to move ahead, you can register later for the full Traction Track to train, guide and help you implement this shift over the next six months.

[register here](#)

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