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### Fall Gathering 2017 - Introducing Building Bridges Academy!

School busses are again making their rounds. College students are returning to class. Plans for the fall church ministry program are well under way. ... And, in many of our churches, we recognize

that we need to do something different, but we don't know how.

The apostle Paul shared with the Ephesians that "[God's] purpose was to equip God's people for the work of serving and building up the body of Christ..." (Eph 4:16 CEB) This fall, the Miami Valley District is introducing the Building Bridges Academy, where we will gather leaders and teachers from near and far to equip us, lay and clergy, to



live the future now. Join us for the inaugural session on Saturday, September 16, 2017, from 9 am - 3:30 pm at United Theological Seminary, 4501 Denlinger Rd, Dayton.  
Our opening worship will feature a message by Superintendent Rev. Dr. Jocelyn Roper. The "faculty" and workshops for this first academy are:

- **Ken Willard - Time Management for the Christian Leader**

Listen. Can you hear it? The more you try to squeeze into your day, the better chance you have of hearing time fly by! Author and Christian leadership coach Ken Willard will share with you how traditional, "business" time-management principles seamlessly blend with scriptural context. The most powerful concept for Christian leaders? It's not what you think! Make plans now to attend, and bring another leader with you.

- **William T. Chaney Jr. - Fresh Expressions faith communities**

Around the world, Christians are stepping out in faith and beginning fresh expressions of church, new or different forms of church for a changing culture. Each fresh expression of church is unique, and designed for their particular context.

- **Sarah Chapman - Social Media for Fun and Non-Profit**  
Social media is a fact of modern life. Churches & organizations can benefit but only if it's done right. Instructor is the voice of three billion-dollar brands, has been a UMC Licensed Local Pastor, and travels to train organizations and non-profits across the US. Learn how the ins and outs of social media, the difference between enabledment and creation and how to create and leverage paid content. We'll even discuss how to create a social media policy for your church. Training is ideal for pastors, admins or church communicators of any kind.

Identical workshops will be offered in the morning and afternoon - so you can attend one in the morning and a different one in the afternoon. Lunch is included and we will wrap up the afternoon by 3:30 pm.

Register now at [www.miamivalleydistrict.org](http://www.miamivalleydistrict.org) to reserve your space at the inaugural Building Bridges Academy!

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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.



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. [Sign up here](#)

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## 2018 MIV Grant Applications Available!

The Miami Valley District invites you to submit "A Strategic Plan for Bold Ministry Ideas." As a district, we are embracing the symbolism of a bridge and challenging ourselves to build bridges to those who need the love, grace, mercy, and justice of Jesus Christ. We want to hear how you see God guiding you into creative ways of reaching out in ministry and attracting others to follow Jesus Christ. As Jesus went about his work, he built bridges to those he encountered, meeting their countless needs and inviting them into a closer relationship with God. This is our vision for how the Church needs to work today. Find application and more information [here](#).



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## Upcoming MIV Events

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

*Fall Gathering - Introducing Building Bridges Academy*

UTS Pohly Center, 4501 Denlinger Road  
8:30am - 3:30pm

[Register Here](#)

### **Friday & Saturday, October 6 & 7, 2017**

*Clergy Spouse Retreat*

The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, 2365 St. Johns Rd, Maria Stein, OH 45860

Friday, 2pm to Saturday, 4pm

[Register Here](#)

### **Saturday, October 7, 2017**

*Creative Worship Workshop*

Sulphur Grove UMC, 7505 Taylorsville Rd, Huber Heights, OH 45424

8:30am - 4:30pm

Registration coming...

### **Sunday, December 3, 2017**

*MIV Christmas Party*

### **Saturday, January 27, 2018**



## **Stewardship 101 for the Smaller Church**

West Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church

Saturday, September 30, 2017

(Check-in begins at 9:30am)

Event: 10:00am-2:30pm



West Carrollton Memorial United Methodist Church

26 N. Locust Street, West Carrollton, OH 45449

\$5.00 per person (includes lunch, refreshments and resources)

Who Should Attend: Pastors, Finance Committee Members, Stewardship Team Leaders, Church Leaders Growing Generosity

The smaller church has unique cultural issues to address to grow generosity. The following topics will be addressed, customized to their unique historical practices.

- \* Biblical foundation for giving to God
- \* Understanding generosity as a lifestyle
- \* Holistic approach to stewardship
- \* Modified local church year-round strategy to grow generous givers
- \* What is the role of the pastor?
- \* What is the role of the finance committee?
- \* Best financial practices
- \* Address: "But we've always had the money when we need it!"
- \* Why or why not use CD's (Certificates of Deposit) as stewards?

For more information contact Council on Development at 614-844-6200

Rev. George Cooper - [gcooper@wocumc.org](mailto:gcooper@wocumc.org)

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## **TARRP (Town and Rural Resource Program) Revive & Renew for Relevant Ministry Retreat**

Are you fatigued? Do you need a day apart, a break from ministry? Jesus took breaks away for prayer, silence, and reflection. TARRP (Town and Rural Resource Program) has designed a day of learning, silence, and experiences to renew, revive, and re-fill you for relevant ministry. Our

Revive & Renew for Relevant Ministry will be September 30, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Camp Wesley, north of Bellefontaine, OH.

[Download Flyer](#)



## Job Opportunities in MIV

Administrative Assistant - West Carrollton Memorial UMC

Choir Director - Concord UMC, Englewood

Fort McKinley Children's Ministry Coordinator

Worship Accompanist (Part-time) - Germantown UMC

Contemporary Worship Leader (Part-time) - Germantown UMC

Music Ministry Volunteers - Brandt UMC

Music Director - Belmont UMC

Children & Family Life Ministries Coordinator - High Street UMC

Director of Family & Youth Ministries - St. Andrew UMC

[View Classified Ads](#)

Email the district office [here](#) to add a classified ad to the website.

[Click Here for Recent Appointments](#)

## Upcoming Local Events

### 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:* 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](#)

### **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](#)

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### **Upcoming UTS Events**

Click on the logo for more information.



### **2017 J. Arthur Heck Lectures**

On Oct. 18, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., United will host the annual J. Arthur Heck Lectures. This year's theme is Embodying Renewal: Engage, Energize, Encourage, featuring Dr. Andrew Park as the 2017 Heck Lecturer. Dr. Park, Professor of Theology and Ethics at United, will offer the morning lecture "Engage: Brokenness (Han), Jesus' Holistic Healing and the Future of Christianity." In the afternoon, two exciting breakout sessions will be offered. Dr. Dan Gildner, Dean of the Chapel, will teach on "Energize: Creating Sustainable Ministry Rhythms and Practices within a Culture of Burnout," and President Kent Millard will present "Encourage: Encouraging the Next Generation of Pastors and Church Leaders." All are welcome. Tap or click below to learn more and register on United's website.

[Register Here](#)

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### **Upcoming WOC Events**

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

### **Monday, September 18, 2017**

*Streamline Your Church's Administrative*

*Structure -Traction Track*

Belmont UMC, 2701 S Smithville Road, Dayton, OH  
45420

7:00pm to 8:00pm

[Register Here](#)

**Thursday, September 28, 2017**

*Family Ties - Traction Track*

West Ohio Conference Center , 32 Wesley Blvd,  
Worthington, OH 43085

9:00am to 3:00pm

[Register Here](#)

**Saturday, September 30, 2017**

*Creating a Social Media Strategy for Your Church - Traction Track*

West Ohio Conference, 32 Wesley Blvd, Worthington, OH 43085

9:00am to 2:00pm

[Register Here](#)

**Saturday, September 30, 2017**

Stewardship 101 for the Smaller Church (Conference)

West Carrollton UMC, 26 N Locus Street, West Carrollton, OH 45449

10:00am to 2:30pm

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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.

- 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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