



One Body. One Spirit. One Hope.



**Miami Valley District**

### **Free MIV Advent Resource Available To You!**

With Labor day behind us, many of us look to the fall and beyond. Before you know it, Advent will be here and then we shift gears toward Christmas.

With that in mind, a team from the district made up of staff and pastors gathered for a day of Advent resource design. We're excited to share with you what we've come up with.



Advent is a season of expectant anticipation and preparation for the arrival of the Christ Child.

Some of our favorite stories are told during this season.

But what if there is more to these stories than we know?

Every good story has a beginning - a foundation that underpins the narratives we come to love.

It is in these backstories that we find new meaning and connection to the stories we've come to know.

One of the biggest trends in the entertainment industry is that of the prequel story. From books to movies, Broadway to television; prequels tell the story of how our favorite stories came to be. And once we experience those stories, we come to know and appreciate the stories we know even more.

Join us this Advent as we look back at the stories behind the stories. We'll connect the stories of the New Testament to the backstories of

the Old Testament.

In doing so, you may find the next chapter of your story.

Backstory: Rediscovering the Advent Season

Be on the lookout for a complete set of worship resources, including videos, graphics, print and written materials. We'll provide calls to worship (traditional and non), exegetical notes, discipleship resources and more. All of these resources are provided at no cost to you and will be available mid to late September on our [website](#).

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## Charge Conference Briefing & Other Essentials for Church Admins

Want to become a more effective Church Administrator?! Join me for a few hours of learning at the District Office. Learn the ins and outs of charge conference, dashboard help, tips on effective administration and how the district can support you in the local church. Bring your laptop if you have one!



For Pastors and Church Admins!

MIV District Offices - Pohly Center @ UTS  
4501 Denlinger Road, Trotwood, OH 45426

Wednesday, September 27, 2017 1pm - 3pm [Register Here](#)

Thursday, September 28, 2017 10am - Noon [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.



The completed set of forms is due back to the Miami Valley District office no later than September 30, 2017.

If you haven't scheduled your One-on-One with Jocelyn or Wendy, please contact the district office at [miamivalley@wocumc.org](mailto:miamivalley@wocumc.org) or call us @ 937-529-2320 to set up a time at the District Office.

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## Upcoming MIV Events



### **Wednesday, September 27, 2017**

*Charge Conference Briefing & Other Essentials for Church Admin*

MIV District Offices - Pohly Center, 4501 Denlinger Road, Dayton

1-3pm

[Register Here](#)

### **Thursday, September 28, 2017**

*Charge Conference Briefing & Other Essentials for Church Admin*

MIV District Offices - Pohly Center, 4501 Denlinger Road, Dayton  
10am - Noon

[Register Here](#)

### **Tuesday, October 3, 2017**

Taking Your City For Christ - With Rudy Rasmus

United Theological Seminary, 4501 Denlinger Road, Dayton

Noon - 3pm (includes a free lunch)

[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**

*Local Church Leader Training*

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## **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)

Rev. Stan Ling - [sling@wocumc.org](mailto:sling@wocumc.org)

Mrs. Joy Perry - [jperry@wocumc.org](mailto:jperry@wocumc.org)

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[REGISTER HERE](#)

[Download Flyer](#)

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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](#)

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### **Miami District Health Ministry Program**

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.



### Job Opportunities in MIV

Executive Secretary to the Bishop (Full-time) - West Ohio Conference

Contemporary Worship Leader (Part-time) - Lewisburg UMC

Director of Bridge Service (Part-time) - Miamisburg Parkview UMC

Director of Acclaim Service (Part-time) - Miamisburg Parkview UMC

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.

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[Click Here for Recent Appointments](#)

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## 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](#).

### 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

[Register Here](#)

### Tuesday, October 3, 2017

*2017 Extension Ministries Gathering (Conference)*

9:30am to 1:30pm

[Register Here](#)

### Friday, October 27, 2017

*21st Annual Legal Forum, Legal Issues Churches May Run Into*

Ohio Wesleyan University, Hamilton - Williams Center, 61 S. Sandusky St.

9:30am - 4pm

[Register Here](#)

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## ERT Training

If you would like to be trained as an Early Response Team member, you are required to attend a one day training session and have a current background check. Click on date to register.



- [October 21, 2017 at Decatur UMC in Little Hocking](#), 9am - 4pm
- [October 21, 2017 at Aley UMC in Beavercreek](#), 9am - 4pm
- [October 28, 2017 at Clifton UMC in Cincinnati](#), 9am - 4pm
- [November 4, 2017 at First UMC in Bowling Green](#), 9am - 4pm

## Upcoming VIM Leader Trainings

In light of recent disasters we are aware that local churches and districts may be sending teams to help rebuild a few months down the road. The VIM Leaders Training prepares folks to lead teams in mission locally, nationally, and globally. Click on the date to register for one of these trainings,

- [Saturday, October 7 from 9a-4p at Circleville Community Church](#)
- [Saturday, October 21 from 9a-4p at Batavia Emmanuel UMC](#)

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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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## **21st Annual Legal Forum Legal Issues Churches may run into WEST OHIO**

### CONFERENCE Topics:

Safe Sanctuaries Update and Overview

Best Practices for Sharing Your Church & Building

- Property & Liability Insurance
- Legal Considerations
- Missional Alignment

Ohio's New Concealed Carry Law-What Churches need to Know  
Social Media Policy

Friday, October 27, 2017

Registration 9AM; Event 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM [Register Here](#)

Cost is 35.00 per person.

Ohio Wesleyan University, Benes Room  
61 S Sandusky Street, Delaware, OH

For more information, contact Joy Perry at [jperry@wocumc.org](mailto:jperry@wocumc.org) or 1-800-437-0028 ext. 222

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## **Healing Communities**

Want to engage your church's support for families

in your community and congregation impacted by incarceration? Need help in how to help a person and their family during an arrest, sentencing, or return from prison?

Join us for a day of training that builds relationships of healing, redemption, and reconciliation in families and communities impacted by crime and mass incarceration. Healing Communities Training helps you identify and leverage the existing resources and relationship already within your congregation that provide hope, practical help, and healing for all parties touched by crime - victims, the incarcerated, families of both, and the community. You will leave with practical steps toward creating a network of support and a community full of forgiveness, reconciliation, and healing.



Saturday, October 28, 2017 - 10:00am to 3:00pm [Register Here](#)

Saturday, November 4, 2017 - 10:00am to 3:00pm [Register Here](#)

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## Are you connected with your district?!



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Visit our website!



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Contact us!



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