



West Ohio Conference
Shawnee Valley



January, 2017

Shawnee Valley District News



PRAYER REQUESTS

Local Churches

Week of 1/1/17 - Lucasville UMC, Pastor Mike Musser

Week of 1/8/17 - Lynchburg UMC, Pastor David Wirth

Week of 1/15/17 - Manchester UMC, Pastor David Sugarbaker

Week of 1/22/17 - Maple Grove UMC, Pastor Jon Silveous

Week of 1/19/17 - Marshall UMC, Pastor Kevin Dotts



[Greater Scioto Valley
Emmaus Community](#)

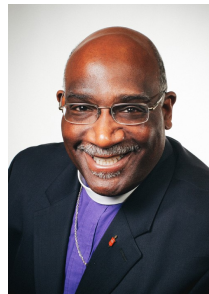
[L.O.V.E. \(Limestone Ohio
Valley Emmaus
Community\)](#)

[Hill View Retirement
Center, Portsmouth, Ohio](#)

[Shawnee Valley United
Methodist Women Website](#)

[Opportunities to Serve in
the District](#)

Pray with Bishop Palmer Through the Coming Year



Dear Ones in Christ Jesus:

I enjoy reading about or reading the writings of the Reverend Howard Thurman almost anytime. His body of work speaks to the deepest longings of the human heart and our need for God and neighbor. Many are familiar with his short, pithy reflections on some of the seasons of the Christian Year. I have stopped counting the number of times I have seen in church newsletters and websites, or heard

quoted in Christmas/Epiphany homilies, his famous piece entitled, *The Work of Christmas*.

For your thinking, praying and serving I offer to you this week Dr. Thurman's *Through the Coming Year*. It is written in the first person. I invite you to use it for prayerful reflection personally and corporately. Be assured I will be praying it with you.

Yours in Christ,

Gregory V. Palmer

[THROUGH THE COMING YEAR](#)



LEADERSHIP TEAM AND TRAINING

JANUARY 17

CALVARY UMC, JACKSON

10:00 a.m. - Noon

Chad Pullins from [3DM](#) will be with us to focus on the topic "A Discipleship Lifestyle: Impacting Your Mission Field"

Anyone may attend this event, please contact the District Office if you plan to stay for a complimentary lunch



Check out our
Classified Ads

[Small Organ](#)

[West Ohio Conference
Classifieds](#)

2017 DISTRICT WINTER WORKSHOP

Mark your calendars to attend the annual winter workshops on Saturday, January 21 (snow day January 28). The event will be held at Trinity UMC in Chillicothe from 9:00 a.m. to NOON. You will have the opportunity to choose 2 workshops. Anyone may attend this event.

Winter Workshop Topics

- *Are You Ready for Guests at Your Church?*
 - Rev. Tim Roth, Cornerstone UMC, Portsmouth
- *Ministry to Our Service Members/Veterans and Their Families*
 - Chaplain Randy Bentley
- *Reaching New People through Alternative Worship Services*
 - Dr. Derek Russell, First UMC, Hillsboro
- *Stewardship 101 - Growing Generous Givers*
 - Rev. Stan Ling, Associate Director, West Ohio Conference Council on Development
- *Volunteers in Mission*
 - Gayle Quigg, Mission Advocate, North Central Jurisdiction UMC
- *Further Up, Firther In: Developing a Cohesive Discipleship Pathway*
 - Todd Richards, Director of Discipleship, Scioto Ridge UMC

[CLICK FOR DETAILS AND REGISTER](#)

[FLIER TO POST IN YOUR CHURCH](#)



Schedule a Date for Your Church Leadership to Learn About Connecting Neighbors

Churches can better provide a caring Christian response to local disasters if they have prepared their church families and facility before disaster occurs. Connecting Neighbors addresses the faith

community's responsibility in disaster readiness and response and suggests tools to meet individual and community needs.

Your District Disaster Coordinators have been trained by UMCOR representatives in the [Connecting Neighbors](#) curriculum. Let us come to your church and help you develop a disaster plan.

Contact the office for details.



UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS*

**times, locations and other details are posted on our website. You may also click on each event to direct you to our website.*

01/13/17 - Last day on which 2016 apportionment payments can be received

01/17/17 - [District Leadership Team & Training Event](#), Jackson Calvary UMC

01/21/17 - [District Winter Training](#), Chillicothe Trinity UMC

02/07/17 - [District Leadership Team & Training Event](#), Nauvoo UMC

02/10/17 - 2016 Annual Statistical Report to be completed and submitted to the West Ohio Conference

02/28/17 - [All In Community District Event](#), First UMC, Chillicothe

03/14/17 - [District Leadership Team & Training Event](#), Wheelersburg UMC

03/18-21/17 - [Small Church Clergy Retreat](#) - Scioto Hills Conference Center

03/21/17 - District Picnic - StillWater Event & Conference Center

OPPORTUNITIES AND NEWS AROUND THE CONFERENCE

EVENTS

- [Winter Camps 2016](#) - Registration is now open. Scholarships may be available from the District and your local church.

NEWS

- [Clergy Personal Finance Resources](#)
- [Clergy Renewal Scholarship Deadline is February 1](#)
- [Professional Association of United Methodist Church Secretaries \(PAUMCS\) Newsletter](#)

CHECK THE [CLASSIFIEDS](#) FOR JOB POSTINGS and OTHER ITEMS

[Director of Children's Ministries](#)

[Director of Communications](#)



Add us to your newsletter or e-news so we can see what your church is doing!

And with our new website design, it is easier to advertise your local church events. Just send the information via e-mail, post on our Facebook page or call Diana at 740-637-0829. We'll add the event to our [Events Calendar](#) and provide any details you wish to share. Most formats accepted

(MS Word, .pdf, .jpg, etc.)

Also, be sure to "LIKE" our Facebook page, share your Church's Facebook page with [Diana Hughes Hall](#), and add the Shawnee Valley District to your newsletter (e-news to dhall@wocumc.org and/or postal copy to 573 E Main, Chillicothe, OH, 45601).

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