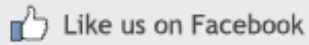


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What's New in the Shawnee Valley



District Vision & Goals for Next Quadrennium (2017-2020)

A letter from District Superintendent, Brent Watson:

I am so grateful for who you are and what you do to bring God's Kingdom to the 9 counties of our District and beyond. You are truly striving to be good neighbors to those all around us. Please observe in your church and community the various ways we are already accomplishing our mission to make disciples for the transformation of the world as well as opportunities we can still live out. Your church and many others are being used by God to share the good news of Jesus Christ and are inviting others to experience the love and grace of God but we are not finished yet. Please see the attached District Vision! I write because we are part of something bigger than ourselves as the Body of Christ and the United Methodist Church. There is a BIG Vision and Mission we play a role in as disciples of Jesus Christ. Our United Methodist Church has challenged us to be in ministry around the denomination's Four Areas of Focus: [\(Read More\)](#)



Ready to Respond? (District Plans a Recovery Team in January)

We have registered with the Texas Annual Conference to take a team to the Houston area from January 19 - 26, 2018.

Anyone may participate. We will be mainly

doing clean-up work, but will need many hands to coordinate food, make supply runs, visit with families, etc.

We will be housed in a local church. The Shawnee Valley District will cover some of the expenses - mainly fuel costs. The main expenses for individuals will be accommodations the first and last night (we will take two days to travel), and some meal expenses. (We hope to be able to use the kitchen at the church for some preparation).

We will have more details as we get closer to the date.

If you are interested, please contact team leader, Diana Hall to register.



Thank You from Vietnam Missionary, Quynh-Hoa Nguyen

I am now back to Vietnam after visiting churches for 11 weeks. It was my first long-time itineration.

Though it was a time of "living out of a suitcase," I had much for which to be grateful.

I give thanks for the blessing of relationship and partnership in mission. I was deeply moved that every church I visited, big and small, had glad and generous hearts for mission. Thank you for the extra efforts you made, the joy you brought, and the generosity you shared as you came together to support the mission. Thanks for letting God work through you in bringing love and transformation to many vulnerable lives in Vietnam.

I also give thanks for the new connection and partnership that gave so much hope and inspiration for present and future ministries in Vietnam. I pray for our beginning of relationship in ministry to be fruitful. ([Read More](#))



Roberta Eddy and Quynh



Future District & Local Church Events ***Mark Your Calendars***

details on these events will be posted in future newsletters and on the website

2018 DISTRICT EVENTS


- SHV Ministry Session - "[Reaching Out to Your Community Through a Health Ministry](#)" - January 9, 2018, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., (location TBA)
- Smaller Church Pastor's Training - "[Bereavement & Funerals: How to Ministry to Families in Their Time of Need](#)" - January 20, 2018, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., Waverly Calvary UMC
- Basic Lay Servant Ministry Training - March 10, 2018 (all day), Waverly Grace UMC (Check the [LSM Webpage](#) for registration information)
- SHV Ministry Session - "[Ministering to Active Military Personnel/Veterans & Their Families in Your Community](#)" - March 14, 2018, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Location TBA)
- Smaller Church Pastor's Training - "[Marriage Preparation & Wedding Ceremonies](#)" - April 7, 2018, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., Omega UMC
- SHV Ministry Session - "[Ministering to the Aging in Your Church & Community](#)" - April 10, 2018, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Location TBA)
- [District Picnic and Pre-Annual Conference Briefing](#) - May 20, 2018, StillWater Conference Center, Chillicothe, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

- SHV District Family Day at Shawnee State Park - June 15 - 16, 2018. Watch for Details!

Churches to Pray for This Month

- Week of December 3 - Taylor's Chapel UMC
 - Pastor Don Mundy
- Week of December 10 - Thurman UMC
 - Pastor John Rozewicz
- Week of December 17 - Tyler Memorial UMC
 - Pastor Sam Mincey
- Week of December 24 - Valley UMC
 - Pastor Pete Shaffer
- Week of December 31 - Vega UMC
 - Pastor John Rozewicz

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