



Visit Our Website

### *The Gate of the Year*

*And I said to the man  
who stood at the gate of the year:  
"Give me a light that I may tread  
safely into the unknown."*

*And he replied:  
"Go out into the darkness and  
put your hand into the hand of God.  
That shall be to you better than a  
light and safer than a known way."*

Minnie Louise Haskins (1875-1957), England

### WINTER SHV MINISTRY SESSIONS TO FOCUS ON COMMUNITY MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Sessions are planned from 10 a.m. to Noon followed by a complimentary lunch. Anyone may attend these events. Plan on joining us and bring a friend!

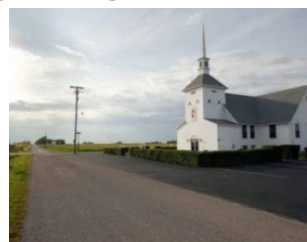
- **January 9** will focus on Health Ministries. Kate Whitman from Mt Carmel Hospital will speak. She is a Faith Community Nurse and Manager of Church Partnerships.
- **March 13** will focus on Veteran & Military Ministries. Chaplain Joseph White will speak.
- **April 10** will focus on Ministries for the Aging.



Details can be found on our website [HERE](#)

### TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PASTORS WHO SERVE SMALLER CHURCHES

Two sessions have been scheduled in 2018 to provide insight to those who serve smaller churches in our district. These are two-hour sessions led by clergy in the Shawnee Valley District.



- **January 20** - "Bereavement and Funerals: How to Minister to Families in Their Time of Need". Diaconal Minister, Jane Karl will lead this session. RSVP to the District Office.
- **April 7** - "Marriage Preparation & Wedding Ceremonies". Rev. Brent Watson will lead this session. RSVP to the District Office.

**CHURCHES TO PRAY FOR THIS MONTH**

- Week of December 31, 2017 - Vega UMC
  - Pastor John Rozewicz
- Week of January 7, 2018 - Victory Chapel UMC
  - Pastor A.J. Bernard
- Week of January 14, 2019 - Walnut Street UMC
  - Pastors Joe Ziraldo & Scott Smith
- Week of January 21, 2019 - Grace UMC, Washington Court House
  - Pastors Joe Fox, Tina Fox & Jamie Darling
- Week of January 28, 2019 - Calvary UMC, Waverly
  - Pastor David Burriss

Diana K Hall, Communications Coordinator | Shawnee Valley District - UMC |  
(740) 637-0829 | [dhall@wocumc.org](mailto:dhall@wocumc.org) | [www.shawneevalleydistrict.org](http://www.shawneevalleydistrict.org)

STAY CONNECTED:

